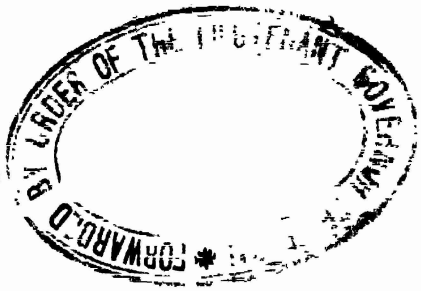

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SIR,

I HAVE the honour to submit, for the information of Government, the Annual Report on Emigration, under Act XXI of 1883, from Calcutta to British and Foreign Colonies, for the year ending the 31st December 1892.

I have the honour to be,

SIR,

Your most obedient servant,

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# REPORT

ON

# EMIGRATION FROM THE PORT OF CALCUTTA

TO

# BRITISH AND FOREIGN COLONIES

## For the year 1892.

### SECTION I.—ADMINISTRATIVE MEASURES.

Amendment of Schedules A and C.

1. In consequence of some doubts having arisen as to whether the requirements of Schedules A and C of the Colonial Emigration Rules, with reference to engines and pumps, had been fully met in connection with the survey of the emigrant ship *The Bruce*, which had been employed to carry emigrants to the colony of British Guiana in 1889, an amendment of the said schedules in order to bring them into conformity was decided on, and the following notification, No. 591—17, dated the 23rd March 1892, was issued by the Government of India :—

NOTIFICATION.

*No.* 591—17.—In exercise of the powers conferred by section 80 of the Indian Emigration Act, XXI of 1883, the Governor-General in Council is pleased to make the following amendments to Schedules A and C of the rules relating to colonial emigration published with Revenue and Agricultural Department's Notification No. 94E. of the 18th March 1886 :—

(1) In Schedule A, under the heading "Fire-engines and Buckets" for the words "The number of fire-engines and fire-buckets to be carried in an emigrant ship shall be as follows :—," substitute the following :—"The number of fire-engines, whether worked by hand or steam, and fire-buckets to be carried in an emigrant ship shall be as follows, and in the case of fire-engines shall be exclusive of the steam-engine prescribed in Schedule C for the working of the distilling and steam-cooking apparatus."

(2) In the same schedule for the paragraph under the heading "Pumps" substitute the following :—

"*Pumps.*—Three pumps shall be carried independently of other prescribed pumps, viz., one head pump, one stern pump drawing salt water for cleaning, washing decks, &c., and one hold pump with flexible hose, for issuing fresh water on the upper deck, or an equivalent number of pumps which can be utilized for the same purpose."

(3) In Schedule C for paragraph 1, substitute the following :—

"All condensers shall have a separate engine for working the circulating cold water pump, and this engine shall be worked exclusively for feeding the steam-boiler, except in cases of fire breaking out on board, when it may be utilized for the extinguishing of fire in conjunction with the separate fire-engines or pumps prescribed in Schedule A." This does not apply to steamers on which the supply of cold water for the condenser is circulated by the main donkey engine, or by an auxiliary pump attached to the main engine.

Exemption of full-powered steamers.

2. On the recommendation of the Government of Bengal in April 1891, that full-powered steamers engaged as emigrant vessels to the colonies and using either the Cape or Canal route should be exempted from the rules relating to artificial ventilation, the question received full consideration, and the Government of India sanctioned the proposed measure by issuing the following notification, No. 1532—8, dated the 7th July 1892 :—

NOTIFICATION.

*No.* 1532—8.—In exercise of the powers conferred by section 80 of the Indian Emigration Act, XXI of 1883, and under the powers reserved by No. 5 of the rules providing for the fitting of artificial ventilators to emigrant vessels published under the Notification of the Government of India, in the Revenue and Agricultural Department, No. 58—2-5E, dated

the 27th March 1889, the Governor-General in Council is pleased to exempt from the operation of those rules, steam-vessels fulfilling the following conditions, namely:—

(1) Such steam-vessels shall be of sufficient power to maintain an average speed of 10 knots per hour when fully laden.

(2) They shall be provided with two complete suits of sails, and storm sails, and with spare gear in accordance with the following list:—

LIST.

*Spare gear for emigrant steam-vessels.*

1 spare length of crank shaft.
1 spare slide rod for main engines.

*List as per paragraph* 90, *Board of Trade Rules.*

1 pair of connecting rod brasses.
1 air-pump bucket and rod with guide.
1 circulating pump bucket and rod.
1 air-pump head valve, seat, and guard.
1 set of India-rubber valves for air pumps.
1 circulating pump head valve, seat, and guard.
1 set of India-rubber valves for circulating pumps.
2 main bearing bolts and nuts.
2 connecting rod bolts and nuts.
2 piston rod bolts and nuts.
8 screw shaft coupling bolts and nuts.
1 set of piston springs.
3 sets if of India-rubber, or 1 set if of metal, of feed pump valves and seats.
3 sets if of India-rubber, or 1 set if of metal, of bilge pump valves and seats.
1 hydrometer.
Boiler tubes, 3 for each boiler.
100 iron assorted bolts, nuts, and washers, screwed, but need not be turned.
12 brass bolts and nuts, assorted, turned and fitted.
50 iron ditto ditto.
50 condenser tubes.
100 sets of packing for condenser tube ends, or an equivalent.
At least one spare spring, each size for escape valves.
1 set of water gauge glasses.
$\frac{1}{10}$th of the total number of fire bars necessary.
3 plates of iron, assorted.
6 bars of iron, assorted.
1 complete set of stocks, dies, and taps, suitable for the engines.
1 Smith's anvil.
1 Fitter's vice.
Hatchet braces and suitable drills.
1 copper or metal hammer.
Suitable blocks and tackling for lifting weights.
1 dozen files, assorted, and handles for the same.
1 set of drifts or expanders for boiler tubes.
1 set of safety-valve springs (if so fitted) for every four valves; if there are not four valves, then at least one set of springs must be carried.
1 screw jack.
And a set of engineers' tools suitable for the service, including hammers and chisels for vice and forge, solder and soldering iron, sheets of tin and copper, spelter, muriatic acid, or other equivalent, &c., &c.

Amendment of rules under Act XXI of 1883.

3. In connection with the proposal of the Government of India in October 1891 to issue a revised edition of the Colonial Emigration Rules, certain amendments and additions to the rules were suggested by the Governments of Bengal and of the North-Western Provinces and Oudh, and the Government of India having approved of them, issued the following notification, No. 2443—25, dated the 12th October 1892:—

NOTIFICATION.

*No.* 2443—25.—In exercise of the powers conferred by section 80 of the Indian Emigration Act, XXI of 1883, the Governor-General in Council is pleased to make the following amendments and additions to the rules relating to colonial emigration published with the Revenue and Agricultural Department's Notification No. 94E. of the 18th March 1886:—

1. To Rule 9 the following words shall be added, namely:—

"and over the entrance door of every sub-depôt shall be conspicuously fixed a board with the words 'Emigration sub-depôt for———Colony' inscribed thereon in English and the vernacular language or languages of the district."

2. To Rule 10, clause (*b*), the following words shall be added, namely :—

"The number that the premises are capable of holding will be determined by the District Civil Surgeon or by the Medical Officer of the subdivision in which the sub-depôt is situated, and inscribed on a board conspicuously hung up for the information of inspecting officers."

3. After Rule 10, clause (*i*), the following clause shall be inserted :—

"(*i*—*A*) The keeping by the recruiter or person in charge of the sub-depôt of a register containing correct entries of the following particulars in regard to all intending emigrants received therein—first, of the date of their admission; secondly, of their descriptive particulars, such as name, father's name, sex, age, caste, and name of native village, together with that of the district and thana in which it is situate (so as to enable friends to trace them); thirdly, of the date of their removal or departure from the sub-depôt; and fourthly, of the reason of such removal or departure (for the information of the District Officers and Emigration Agent concerned); and the immediate production of such register when required by an inspecting officer, or by any one duly authorized by an inspecting officer to see it."

4. In Rule 10, clause (*i*), for the words "readiness for" the word "immediate" shall be substituted.

5. After Rule 10 the following rule shall be inserted, namely :—

"Rule 10A. Whenever any registered emigrant is removed from the district of registration to a sub-depôt in any other district for the purpose of being forwarded therefrom to the depôt of the Emigration Agent concerned, but is not so forwarded owing to physical unfitness or irregular recruitment, the person in charge of such sub-depôt shall pay to such emigrant reasonable compensation, not being less than his reasonable expenses for his return to his home in the district of registration."

6. In Rule 11, immediately before the last sentence, the following sentence shall be inserted, namely :—

"The register kept in the sub-depôt shall be regularly tested by the officer inspecting the sub-depôt under this rule."

7. After Rule 20 the following rule shall be inserted, namely :—

20A. Whenever any intending emigrant is not registered owing to rejection on account of physical unfitness or irregular recruitment, the recruiter shall make such provision as the registering officer may deem necessary, for the return of such emigrant to the place at which he was recruited."

8. In the Appendix, Schedule B, under the heading "Of the cargo hold" after the word "register" the following words shall be inserted, namely :—

"Provided that this additional ventilation may, in the discretion of the Marine Surveyor, be dispensed with in the case of vessels carrying cargoes which do not and cannot give off any smell or gas."

9. In the Appendix, Schedule G, Scale No. 4 (A) "of clothing" in the remarks column, opposite the article "saries" the following remarks shall be inserted, namely :—

"Also one yard of cotton cloth to females above 13 years of age."

## SECTION II.—EMIGRATION AGENCIES.

4. The following statement furnishes particulars of the Emigration Agents who have been appointed at Calcutta on behalf of the British and Foreign colonies importing Indian labour :—

| Colonies importing Indian labourers. | | Names of Emigration Agents appointed by the Colonial Governments. | Dates of approval of appointment by the Government of Bengal. | Situation of Agencies' cooly depôts. |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| Names. | Whether British or Foreign. | | | |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Demerara ... | British ... | Mr. R. W. S. Mitchell | 14th April 1884 ... | 21, Garden Reach. |
| Natal ... | | | 16th June 1884 ... | |
| Trinidad | | O. W. Warner ... | 30th December 1881 | 11, Garden Reach. |
| Nevis ... | | Mr. A. C. Stewart | 25th July 1885 .. | 12, Garden Reach. |
| St. Kitts | | | 28th September 1884 .. | |
| St. Lucia | | | 21st August 1884 .... ... | |
| St Vincent | | | | |
| Jamaica ... | | | | |
| Grenada | | | | |
| Fiji | | | 10th November 1888 | |
| Mauritius ... | | | | |
| Surinam | Dutch ... | Mr. J. C. T. Roelfs | 4th March 1890 | 30, Garden Reach. |
| French Colonies | French | Mons. E. Charriol (on leave) | 20th September 1880 ... | Ditto. |
| | | „ P. Charriol (officiating). | 9th March 1886 .. ... | |

5. There were no changes in the appointments held by the Emigration Agents during the year under report, as none of them went on leave.

6. Mons. Pierre Charriol continued to act for his brother Mons. Emile Charriol as Agent for the French Colonies.

7. Five agencies only (four British and one Dutch) were engaged this year in collecting and despatching labourers to the colonies, against eight in the previous year, and I have pleasure in recording the satisfactory manner in which the Emigration Agents discharged their duties under the Act and Rules governing colonial emigration, and assisted the Protector of Emigrants in obtaining from the colonies such information as was needed by him.

8. *Labour requisition from the Colonies.*

| Colonies importing Indian labourers | Year 1891. | | | | Year 1892 | | | | Remarks. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Number of adult labourers— | | | | Number of adult labourers— | | | | |
| | Under requisition | Supplied. | In excess of requisition | Short of requisition | Under requisition | Supplied. | In excess of requisition | Short of requisition | |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| Demerara . | 5,000 | 5,324 | 324 | | 4,555 | 4,438 | ... | 117 | |
| Trinidad ... | 3,000 | 2,990 | . | 10 | 2,500 | 2,435½ | | 64½ | |
| St. Lucia | 550 | 508 | ... | 42 | . | ... | . | ... | |
| Jamaica ,, .. | 1,979 | 1,976 | | 3 | ... | ... | ... | ... | |
| Mauritius . | 440 | 614 | 174 | ... | | | .. | ... | |
| Natal .. | 1,150 | 1,433½ | 283½ | | 900 | 942½ | 42½ | ... | |
| Fiji .. . | 1,050 | 992½ | . | 57½ | 1,370 | 1,450½ | 80½ | | |
| Surinam . ... | 698 | 563½ | ... | 134½ | 1,235 | 1,150 | .. | 83 | |
| Total ... | 13,867 | 14,401½ | 781½ | 247 | 10,558 | 10,416½ | 123 | 264½ | |

The demand for labour in 1892 was not equal to that in 1891, the number of adult emigrants required being 10,558 against 13,867. In the cases of the colonies of Fiji and Natal, the requisitions were more than met, 123 adults having been supplied in excess; but in the cases of the remaining three colonies, Demerara, Trinidad, and Surinam, the supply fell short by 264½ adults, notwithstanding that the requisitions of Demerara and Trinidad were smaller in the year under report by 945 adult emigrants. In the case of Surinam, the deficiency of 83 adults was made good in January of the following year, 1893.

The terms on which emigrants were engaged for the colonies during the year under review were the same as those offered in the previous year in the cases of Demerara, Trinidad, and Surinam; and were somewhat altered in the cases of the remaining two colonies, Fiji and Natal, as shown below:—

Under the provisions of the Fiji Ordinance No. IV of 1892, the age was raised from ten to twelve years in connection with rationing and return passages: and under the provisions of the Natal Law No. 25 of 1891, the departure from the colony without a written license signed by the Protector of Indian Immigrants was prohibited to immigrants, and the grant of such license was authorized in cases only in which Indian immigrants had completed a residence of ten years within the colony, unless the Protector of Indian Immigrants, with the approval of the Indian Immigration Trust Board, sanctioned under an order in writing their return to India before the expiration of the said term of ten years.

# *Terms of engagement of intending emigrants.*

| Colony. | Work. | | Period of indenture | Classification of emigrants. | Wages: minimum rate claimable. | Rations. | | Dwelling-houses. | Medical care and maintenance during sickness. | Free return passage when claimable |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Nature. | Duration. | | | | Prescribed. | Period of supply | | | |
| Demerara ... | Cultivation of the soil or the manufacture of produce on any plantation. | Every day, excepting Sundays and authorized holidays, seven hours in the fields or ten hours in the factory buildings. | Five years from date of allotment. | Able-bodied adult males of and above 16 years<br>Adult males not able bodied, or minors of and above 10 years and under 16 or female adults or minors of and above 10 years of age | 1s. .. . ... ..<br>8d. (Payable weekly) | Rations supplied by the employers according to the scale sanctioned by the Government of British Guiana at a cost of 4d for each adult above 16 years of age Half rations to minors of 10 and under 16 at half cost, and to each infant under 10 years one-third, free of cost. | Three calendar months following the date of allotment. | Free of rent, and to be kept in good repair by the employer at his own cost. | Free of charge | On completing a continuous residence of ten years, five years having been passed under indenture. |
| Trinidad . | Ditto ... | Five days in each week, except during the gathering in of the crop, when the immigrants will be required to work six days, Sundays and authorized holidays excepted, nine hours, inclusive of half an hour for rest and refreshment. | Five years from date of arrival in the colony. | Adult males and females over 10 years. | 1s 0½d daily. (Payable fortnightly) | Rations will be provided to all immigrants, and the cost of such rations (4d) will be deducted from the immigrants' wages Children between the ages of 5 and 10 will be provided with half rations free of charge. | First year under indenture | Ditto ... | Ditto | Ditto |
| Natal ... .. | Agriculture ... | Six days in the week, Sundays and holidays excepted, nine hours between sunrise and sunset in each working day. | Five years . | Men of 18 and upwards ..<br><br><br><br>Women and minors . | Besides free rations, monthly—<br>10s. or Rs 7-0-11 in the 1st year.<br>11s. or „ 7-12-2 „ 2nd „<br>12s. or „ 8-7 6 „ 3rd „<br>13s. or „ 9-2-9 „ 4th „<br>14s or „ 9-14-1 „ 5th „<br>Half of the above scale in proportion to their age. | For each adult above 12 years of age—<br>*Daily.*<br>Rice . 1½ lb<br>or maize meal (in lieu) ... 2 lb<br>*Monthly.*<br>Dál .. . ... . 2 lb<br>Salt . . . . 1 lb<br>Salt fish . . .. ... 2 lb<br>Ghee or oil . 1 lb<br>Minors under 12 will get three-fourths of the above rations. | Ditto . | Ditto | Medical attendance free of charge. | On completing a continuous residence of ten years, a written license being then granted by the Protector of Immigrants to leave the colony. |
| Fiji .. .. | Cultivation of the soil or the manufacture of produce on any plantation. | Every day, excepting Sundays and authorized holidays, nine hours, except Saturday, when work shall be of five hours' duration only. | Five years from the date of arrival in the colony. | Adult males above the age of 15 years<br>Adult females above the age of 15 years.<br>Minors under 15 years of age. | 1s daily or for every task performed.<br>9d. ditto ditto.<br>In proportion to work done. (Payable weekly) | Rations will be provided to all emigrants according to the scale prescribed by the Government of Fiji at a cost of 5d for each person of 12 years and upwards.<br>Children between 5 and 12 years of age will receive half rations free of cost, children of 5 years and under, one-third rations, free of cost. | Six months after their arrival in the colony.<br>First year after their arrival. | Ditto ... | Free of charge | On completing a continuous residence of ten years, five years having been passed under indenture |
| Surinam ... | Ditto | Every day, excepting Sundays and authorized holidays, in each week, seven hours in the fields or ten hours in the buildings on each day. | Five years of 313 days. | First class emigrants (able-bodied males of and above 16 years of age).<br>Second class emigrants (adult, not able-bodied males, minor males under the age of 16 years and of and above 10 years, and adult and minor females).<br>Third class emigrants (infant males and females under 10 years of age). | 25 cents daily .. ... . ..<br>16 „<br>No fixed rates, as work is optional, but should work be undertaken, the rates will be proportional to work done. (Payable weekly) | s. c. k.<br>Rice . . . . 0 12 0<br>Dál .. 0 2 0<br>Cocoanut oil or ghee 0 0 2<br>Curry musala . .. 0 0 1½<br>Sugar .. .. . ... 0 1 0<br>Salt ... ... ... 0 0 1<br>Vegetable ... .. ... 0 2 0<br>Fuel . .. . 1 8 0<br>Daily at a cost of 2 annas 8 pies.<br>Minors of both sexes, half the above scale at half the cost.<br>Infants of both sexes one-third of the above scale free of charge. | Three calendar months following the date of allotment. | Ditto ... | Ditto ... | On completion of the term of five years' indenture. |

10. *Recruiting Licenses.*

| Emigration Agencies. | 1891. Licenses. Granted. | Cancelled for misconduct. Number. | Cancelled for misconduct. Percentage. | Withdrawn at Agent's request. Number. | Withdrawn at Agent's request. Percentage. | Withdrawn at recruiter's request. Number. | Withdrawn at recruiter's request. Percentage. | Total number cancelled and withdrawn. | Percentage of total number cancelled and withdrawn. | Total number of emigrants recruited. | Average number collected by each recruiter. | 1892. Licenses. Granted. | Cancelled for misconduct. Number. | Cancelled for misconduct. Percentage. | Withdrawn at Agent's request. Number. | Withdrawn at Agent's request. Percentage. | Withdrawn at recruiter's request. Number. | Withdrawn at recruiter's request. Percentage. | Total number cancelled and withdrawn. | Percentage of total number cancelled and withdrawn. | Total number of emigrants recruited. | Average number collected by each recruiter. | Remarks. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| Demerara ... | 290 | 5 | 1·72 | 8 | 2·75 | ... | ... | 13 | 4·48 | 9,428 | 31·60 | 317 | 1 | 0·31 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | 0·31 | 6,714 | 19·78 | The total includes 441 emigrants transferred from other depôts. |
| Trinidad ... | 192 | 2 | 1·04 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 | 1·04 | 6,571 | 33·18 | 162 | 1 | 0·61 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | 0·61 | 3,767 | 23·25 | Do. 1 do. do. |
| Mauritius ... | 86 | 1 | 1·16 | .. | ... | ... | ... | 1 | 1·16 | 974 | 11·33 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | .. |
| Natal ... ... | 115 | 1 | ·86 | ... | .. | ... | ... | 1 | ·86 | 2,752 | 23·75 | 175 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2,692 | 15·11 | Do. 47 do. do. |
| Fiji ... ... | 182 | 3 | 1·64 | .. | ... | .. | ... | 3 | 1·64 | 1,851 | 10·17 | 168 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2,418 | 14·33 | Do. 9 do. do. |
| Surinam ... | 28 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1,301 | 46·46 | 35 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1,634 | 46·65 | Do. 1 do. do. |
| St. Lucia ... | 4 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 620 | 1·55 | ... | ... | ... | .. | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ..... |
| Jamaica ... | 106 | 2 | 1·88 | ... | ... | ... | .. | 2 | 1·88 | 2,310 | 21·79 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ..... |
| Total .. | 1,003 | 14 | 1·39 | 8 | ·79 | ... | ... | 22 | 2·19 | 25,613 | 25·13 | 857 | 2 | 0·23 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 | 0·23 | 17,225 | 19·51 | |

As a result of the fewer Agencies at work during the year under review, and the smaller requisitions for labour from the colonies, the number of recruiting licenses granted by the Protector of Emigrants fell to 857 from 1,003 in 1891.

11. Of the 857 licenses granted, two only were cancelled owing to the misconduct of the recruiters concerned, against 14 in the previous year, the percentages being 0·23 and 1·39 respectively. There were no licenses withdrawn by the Emigration Agents this year, against 8 last year, which points to the work of recruitment having been performed more satisfactorily in 1892 than in 1891.

12. The reasons which governed the cancellation of the two licenses were as follows:—

One recruiter had acted dishonestly in connection with the supply of a female emigrant, and one recruiter had illegally detained two persons against their will.

13. The number of emigrants registered during the year was 17,225, which, excluding number transferred from other depôts, gives an average of 19 emigrants per recruiter, against 25 in 1891. Taking the five Agencies that despatched emigrants to the colonies separately, that for Surinam shows the largest average, viz., 46 emigrants per recruiter as in the previous year; while the Fiji Agency, as in 1891, shows the smallest average, viz., 14 emigrants, against 10 in 1891. In regard to the remaining three Agencies, viz., Demerara, Trinidad, and Natal, the averages are still further reduced this year from 31, 33 and 22 emigrants per recruiter to 19, 23 and 15 emigrants respectively, showing that recruiting operations were more largely spread over the districts of recruitment in the Provinces of Bihar and Oudh and in the North-Western Provinces; and that the free emigration system under the Inland Emigration Act was no longer depended upon for the supply of the labour required for the colonies.

14. *Districts of Registration of Emigrants.*

| Colonies importing Indian labour. | Whether British or Foreign. | Number registered in Districts of Bengal. | | | | Number registered in Districts of Bihar. | | | | | | | Grand Total. | Percentage. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Names. | | Calcutta, by the Protector of Emigrants. | Burdwan. | 24-Parganas. | Total. | Bhagalpur. | Darbhanga. | Monghyr. | Muzaffarpur. | Patna. | Shahabad. | Saran. | Total. | | |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 |
| Demerara ... | British | 441 | ... | 269 | 710 | ... | 21 | ... | 32 | 556 | 485 | 80 | 1,176 | 1,886 | 28·49 |
| Trinidad ... | Ditto | 1 | 220 | 484 | 705 | 58 | ... | 54 | ... | 136 | 678 | ... | 926 | 1,631 | 45·29 |
| St. Lucia ... | Ditto | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | . | ... |
| Jamaica ... | Ditto | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Mauritius ... | Ditto | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Natal ... | Ditto | 47 | ... | 47 | 94 | ... | ... | ... | 2 | 279 | 212 | 16 | 509 | 603 | 22·39 |
| Fiji ... | Ditto | 9 | ... | 195 | 204 | .. | ... | ... | ... | 51 | 116 | 74 | 241 | 445 | 18·40 |
| Surinam ... | Dutch | 1 | ... | 412 | 413 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 115 | 45 | ... | 160 | 573 | 35·06 |
| Total of 1892 | ... | 499 | 220 | 1,407 | 2,126 | 58 | 21 | 54 | 34 | 1,139 | 1,536 | 170 | 3,012 | 5,138 | 29·82 |
| Total of 1891 | ... | 405 | 248 | 1,394 | 2,047 | . | 43 | 17 | 68 | 998 | 1,460 | 761 | 3,347 | 5,394 | 21·05 |

| Colonies importing Indian labour. | Whether British or Foreign. | Number registered in the districts of the North-Western Provinces. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Names. | | Agra. | Allahabad. | Aligarh. | Azamgarh. | Bareilly. | Basti. | Bijnor. | Benares. | Cawnpur. | Etawah. | Fatehpur. | Farukhabad. | Ghazipur. | Gorakhpur. | Jaunpur. | Jhansi. | Mainpuri. | Mirzapur. | Total. | Percentage. |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| Demerara | British | 176 | 262 | ... | 377 | 129 | 207 | 34 | 575 | 927 | ... | 98 | ... | 570 | 287 | 201 | ... | ... | ... | 3,733 | 55·60 |
| Trinidad .. | Ditto | 6 | 95 | ... | 161 | 7 | 155 | ... | 479 | 81 | ... | ... | ... | 570 | 101 | 210 | ... | ... | ... | 1,865 | 49·50 |
| St. Lucia ... | Ditto | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | .. | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Jamaica ... | Ditto | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Mauritius | Ditto | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Natal ... | Ditto | 43 | 124 | ... | 104 | 75 | 22 | 6 | 484 | 170 | .. | 95 | ... | 359 | 102 | 38 | ... | ... | ... | 1,552 | 57·65 |
| Fiji ... | Ditto | ... | 109 | ... | 33 | 101 | 63 | 32 | 330 | 231 | 10 | 22 | 6 | 387 | 123 | 60 | ... | ... | ... | 1,557 | 64·39 |
| Surinam . | Dutch | ... | ... | ... | ... | 13 | 95 | ... | ... | 348 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 49 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 505 | 30·90 |
| Total of 1892 | ... | 225 | 590 | ... | 675 | 325 | 542 | 122 | 1,868 | 1,657 | 10 | 135 | 6 | 1,886 | 662 | 509 | .. | ... | ... | 9,212 | 53·48 |
| Total of 1891... | ... | 217 | 1,025 | 81 | 2,020 | 433 | 1,789 | 132 | 2,382 | 2,020 | 21 | 240 | 53 | 2,749 | 918 | 1,160 | 10 | 6 | 8 | 15,206 | 60·33 |

| Colonies importing Indian Labour. | Whether British or Foreign. | Number registered in the districts of Oudh. | | | | | | | | | | Grand total of each colony of all districts. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Names. | | Bara Banki. | Fyzabad. | Gonda. | Hardoi. | Kheri. | Lucknow. | Rai Bareilly. | Sultanpore. | Unao. | Total. | Percentage. |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| Demerara ... ... ... | British | ... | 347 | 180 | 50 | ... | 515 | ... | 3 | ... | 1,095 | 16·30 | 6,714 |
| Trinidad ... ... ... | Ditto | ... | 220 | 35 | 10 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 271 | 7·19 | 3,767 |
| St. Lucia ... ... ... | Ditto | ... | ... | . | .. | .. | ... | ... | .. | .. | ... | ... | ... |
| Jamaica . ... ... | Ditto | ... | ... | ... | ... | . | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Mauritius ... ... ... | Ditto | ... | ... | ... | ... | .. | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Natal ... ... .. | Ditto | ... | 372 | 63 | ... | ... | 94 | ... | 6 | .. | 537 | 19·94 | 2,692 |
| Fiji ... ... ... | Ditto | ... | 151 | 64 | 57 | ... | 140 | 2 | 2 | ... | 416 | 17·20 | 2,418 |
| Surinam ... ... .. | Dutch | .. | 475 | 10 | ... | ... | 71 | ... | .. | | 556 | 34·03 | 1,634 |
| Total of 1892 ... | ... | ... | 1,571 | 352 | 117 | ... | 820 | 2 | 13 | | 2,875 | 16·69 | 17,225 |
| Total of 1891 ... | ... | 100 | 2,662 | 871 | 6 | 6 | 1,327 | ... | 28 | 11 | 5,011 | 19·84 | 25,613 |

The recruitment of emigrants for the coloines was effected in the districts of Bengal, Bihar, the North-Western Provinces and Oudh, as in the previous year. Of the 17,225 emigrants that were registered during the year under review, 5,138, or nearly 30 per cent., were recruited in Bengal and Bihar; 9,212, or 53 per cent., in the North-Western Provinces; and 2,875, or nearly 17 per cent., in Oudh. These percentages, as compared with those of the previous year, point to an increase of registration in Bengal and Bihar, and to a decrease in the North-Western Provinces and Oudh.

15. The following abstract gives the results of registration comparatively for the two years 1891 and 1892, and shows a decrease of 8,388 in the number

of emigrants recruited this year, the total number registered in the two years being 25,613 and 17,225 respectively :—

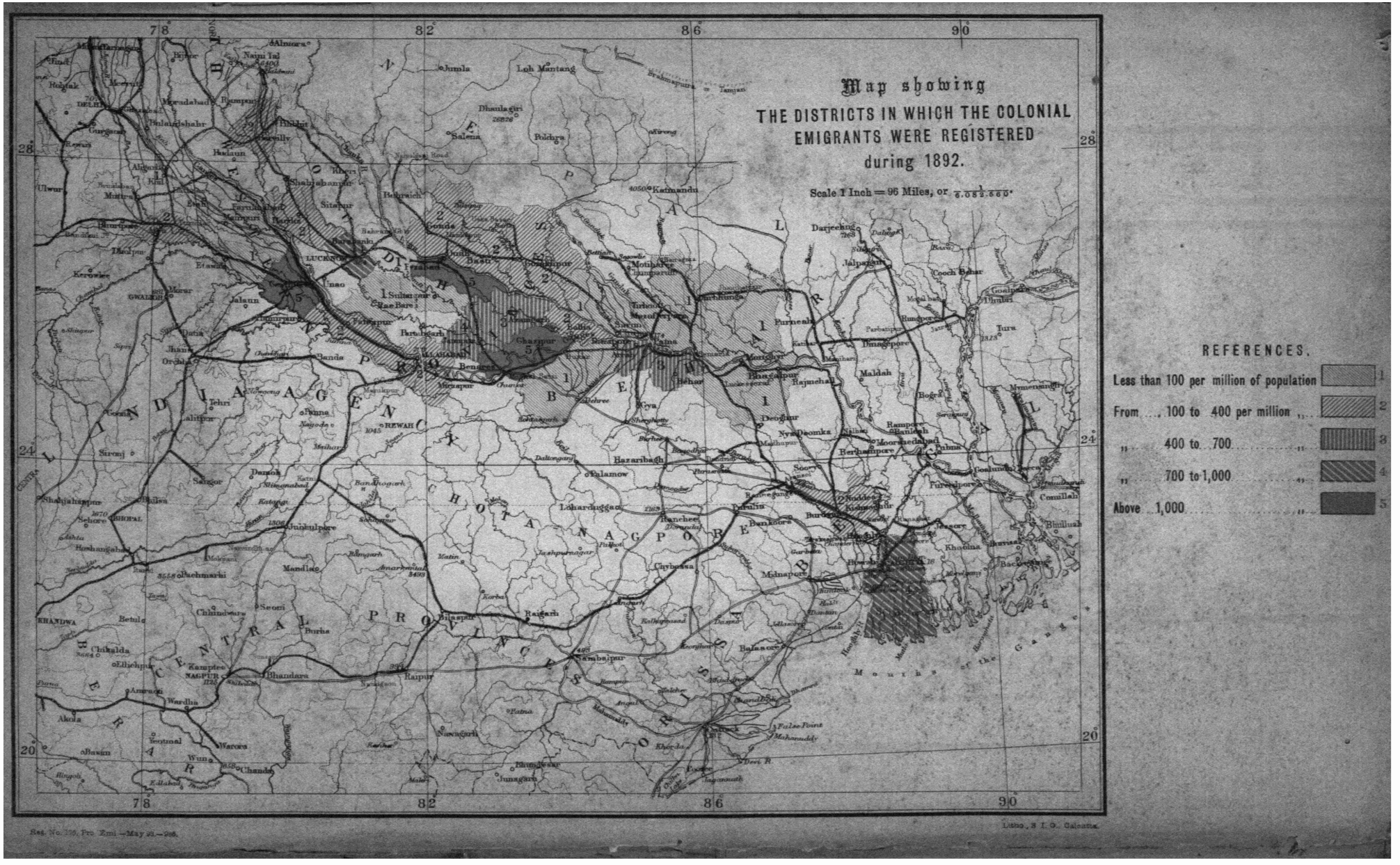
| | 1891. | | 1892. | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Number. | Percentage. | Number. | Percentage. |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 |
| Bengal ... ... | 2,047 | 7·99 | 2,126 | 12 34 |
| Bihar ... ... | 3,847 | 13·06 | 3,012 | 17·48 |
| North-Western Provinces ... | 15,208 | 59·37 | 9,212 | 53·48 |
| Oudh ... ... | 5,011 | 19 56 | 2,875 | 16·69 |
| Total ... | 25,613 | ... | 17,225 | ... |

16. *Comparative statement of districts' registration.*

| Bengal and Bihar. | | North-Western Provinces and Oudh. | |
|---|---|---|---|
| Shahabad ... | 1,536 | Ghazipur ... | 1,886 |
| 24-Parganas ... | 1,407 | Benares ... | 1,868 |
| Patna ... | 1,139 | Cawnpur ... | 1,657 |
| Calcutta ... | 499 | Fyzabad ... | 1,571 |
| Burdwan ... | 220 | Lucknow ... | 820 |
| Saran ... | 170 | Azamgarh ... | 675 |
| Bhagalpur ... | 68 | Gorakhpur ... | 662 |
| Monghyr ... | 54 | Allahabad ... | 590 |
| Muzaffarpur ... | 34 | Jaunpur ... | 509 |
| Darbhanga ... | 21 | Basti ... | 542 |
| | | Gonda ... | 362 |
| | | Bareilly ... | 325 |
| | | Agra ... | 226 |
| | | Fatehpur ... | 135 |
| | | Balia ... | 122 |
| | | Hardoi ... | 117 |
| | | Sultanpur ... | 13 |
| | | Etawah ... | 10 |
| | | Farukhabad ... | 6 |
| | | Rae Bareilly ... | 2 |
| Total ... | 5,138 | Total ... | 12,097 |

Comparing the registrations effected in each district, as shown in the above statement, the district of Ghazipur again stands first on the list ; Benares occupies the second place, Cawnpur the third, and Fyzabad the fourth, thus maintaining their positions as being the largest recruiting fields in the North-Western Provinces and Oudh. In Bengal and Bihar a larger number of emigrants was registered this year than last year in the districts of the 24 Parganas, Bhagalpur, Monghyr, Patna, and Shahabad, though the total number of registrations, taking all the districts collectively, fell short by 256 in 1892. The fact that registration in the 24-Parganas stood at 1,407, against 1,394 in 1891, shows clearly that the taking up of labourers collected under the free emigration system still continues to some extent, owing to free emigrants being offered to the Agencies at the doors of their depôts.

17. The accompanying map illustrates the proportion of emigrants to population registered in each district of Bengal and Bihar and of the North-Western Provinces and Oudh.


Map showing
THE DISTRICTS IN WHICH THE COLONIAL EMIGRANTS WERE REGISTERED during 1892.
Scale 1 Inch = 96 Miles, or 1/6,082,560.
REFERENCES.
Less than 100 per million of population 1
From 100 to 400 per million 2
" 400 to 700 3
" 700 to 1,000 4
Above 1,000 5
Mouths of the Ganges
Reg. No. 175, Pro. Emi.—May 23.—985.
Litho., S. I. O., Calcutta.

18. The following is a comparative statement of the numbers of emigrants that were registered during the years 1891 and 1892 as natives of the provinces of India and other countries:—

| Natives of— | Registered during the years— | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|
| | 1891. | | 1892. | |
| | Number. | Percentage. | Number. | Percentage. |
| Bengal and Bihar ... | 1,804 | 7·04 | 2,743 | 15·92 |
| North-Western Provinces ... | 17,205 | 67·17 | 10,262 | 59·57 |
| Oudh ... ... | 6,053 | 23 63 | 3,766 | 21·86 |
| Panjab ... ... | 99 | 0 38 | 79 | 0·45 |
| Central Provinces ... | 33 | 0·12 | 54 | 0 31 |
| Madras ... ... | 3 | 0·01 | 18 | 0 10 |
| Bombay .. ... | 14 | 0·05 | 7 | 0 04 |
| Native States ... ... | 400 | 1·56 | 293 | 1·70 |
| Afghanistan ... ... | 2 | 0·007 | ... | ... |
| Mandalay ... ... | ... | ... | 1 | 0·005 |
| Mauritius ... ... | ... | ... | 1 | 0 005 |
| Demerara ... ... | ... | ... | 1 | 0 005 |
| Total ... | 25,613 | ... | 17,225 | ... |

19. Classifying the total numbers of persons that were registered in 1892 for emigration to the colonies according to place of birth, 59½ per cent. were natives of the North-Western Provinces, against 67 per cent. in 1891; nearly 22 per cent. were natives of Oudh, against nearly 24 per cent. in 1891; nearly 16 per cent. were natives of Bengal and Bihar, against 7 per cent. in 1891; and about 2½ per cent. were natives of other provinces and countries, against 2 per cent. in the previous year.

20. *Native districts of registered emigrants.*

| Natives of Bengal, Bihar and Assam. | | Natives of North-Western Provinces and Oudh. | | Natives of other Provinces and countries. | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Native districts. | Number. | Native districts. | Number. | Native districts. | Number. |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| Shahabad ... ... | 1,177 | Azamgarh ... ... | 2,229 | Central Provinces ... | 54 |
| Saran ... ... | 449 | Ghazipur ... ... | 1,751 | Punjab ... ... | 79 |
| Patna ... ... | 312 | Basti ... ... | 1,338 | Madras ... ... | 18 |
| Gaya ... ... | 246 | Gorakhpur ... ... | 787 | Bombay .. ... | 7 |
| Muzaffarpur ... ... | 166 | Jaunpur ... ... | 725 | Native States ... | 293 |
| Monghyr ... ... | 110 | Balia ... ... | 682 | Mandalay ... ... | 1 |
| Darbhanga ... ... | 79 | Fyzabad ... ... | 669 | Mauritius ... ... | 1 |
| Bhagalpur ... ... | 69 | Gonda ... ... | 652 | Demerara ... ... | 1 |
| Champaran ... | 34 | Benares ... | 446 | | |
| Dumka ... ... | 29 | Sultanpur ... ... | 445 | | |
| Hazaribagh .. .. | 26 | Allahabad ... ... | 386 | | |
| Other districts ... | 53 | Hardoi ... ... | 379 | | |
| 24-Parganas ... | 3 | Cawnpur ... ... | 334 | | |
| | | Rai Bareilly ... ... | 294 | | |
| | | Bara Banki ... ... | 293 | | |
| | | Partabgarh ... ... | 284 | | |
| | | Unao ... ... | 257 | | |
| | | Lucknow ... ... | 253 | | |
| | | Mirzapur ... ... | 222 | | |
| | | Farukhabad ... | 161 | | |
| | | Fatehpur ... ... | 155 | | |
| | | Budaon ... ... | 144 | | |
| | | Bans Bareilly ... | 136 | | |
| | | Mainpuri ... ... | 129 | | |
| | | Bahraich ... ... | 127 | | |
| | | Shahjahanpur ... | 115 | | |
| | | Agra ... ... | 91 | | |
| | | Sitapur ... ... | 93 | | |
| | | Etawah ... ... | 86 | | |
| | | Aligarh ... ... | 53 | | |
| | | Muttra ... ... | 41 | | |
| | | Jalaun ... ... | 39 | | |
| | | Etah ... ... | 38 | | |
| | | Moradabad ... ... | 34 | | |
| | | Banda ... ... | 33 | | |
| | | Pilibhit ... ... | 20 | | |
| | | Khori ... ... | 20 | | |
| | | Hamirpur ... ... | 13 | | |
| | | Bulandshahr ... | 12 | | |
| | | Meerut ... ... | 11 | | |
| | | Almora ... ... | 11 | | |
| | | Other districts ... | 38 | | |
| Total ... | 2,743 | Total ... | 14,028 | Total ... | 454 |

As regards the native districts whence the largest numbers of emigrants were drawn, Azamgarh stands again at the head of the list, as it did last year, though the number of registered emigrants who were natives of this district has fallen from 4,505 in 1891 to 2,229 in 1892; Ghazipur, which stood third last year, stands second this year; and Basti, which stood second, now stands third on the list. Shahabad this year also supplied the largest number of native emigrants in Bengal, and stands fourth in the list, against ninth in 1891. In the 24-Parganas, three emigrants only out of the 1,407 that were registered were natives of the district, the remaining 1,404 being probably free emigrants brought down from other districts by free contractors for disposal to the Agencies. The accompanying map illustrates the proportion of emigrants in each of the above-mentioned districts.

21. *Comparative Statement of recruitment for Colonies and Labour Districts.*

| Districts of Recruitment. | Total number of registrations effected in 1892— | |
|---|---|---|
| | Through recruiters for the Colonies. | Through contractors' recruiters and certified sardars for the ten districts. |
| 1 | 2 | 3 |
| Shahabad ... | 1,536 | 1,050 |
| 24-Parganas ... | 1,407 (chiefly Biharis and Hindustanis). | 3,753 (chiefly Biharis and Bengalis). |
| Patna ... | 139 | Nil. |
| Calcutta ... | 499 (chiefly Hindustanis). | Nil. |
| Burdwan ... | 220 | 777 (chiefly Bengalis). |
| Saran ... | 170 | Nil. |
| Bhagalpur ... | 58 | 31 |
| Monghyr ... | 54 | 600 |
| Muzaffarpur ... | 34 | Nil. |
| Darbhanga ... | 21 | Nil. |
| Total ... | 5,138 | 6,211 |

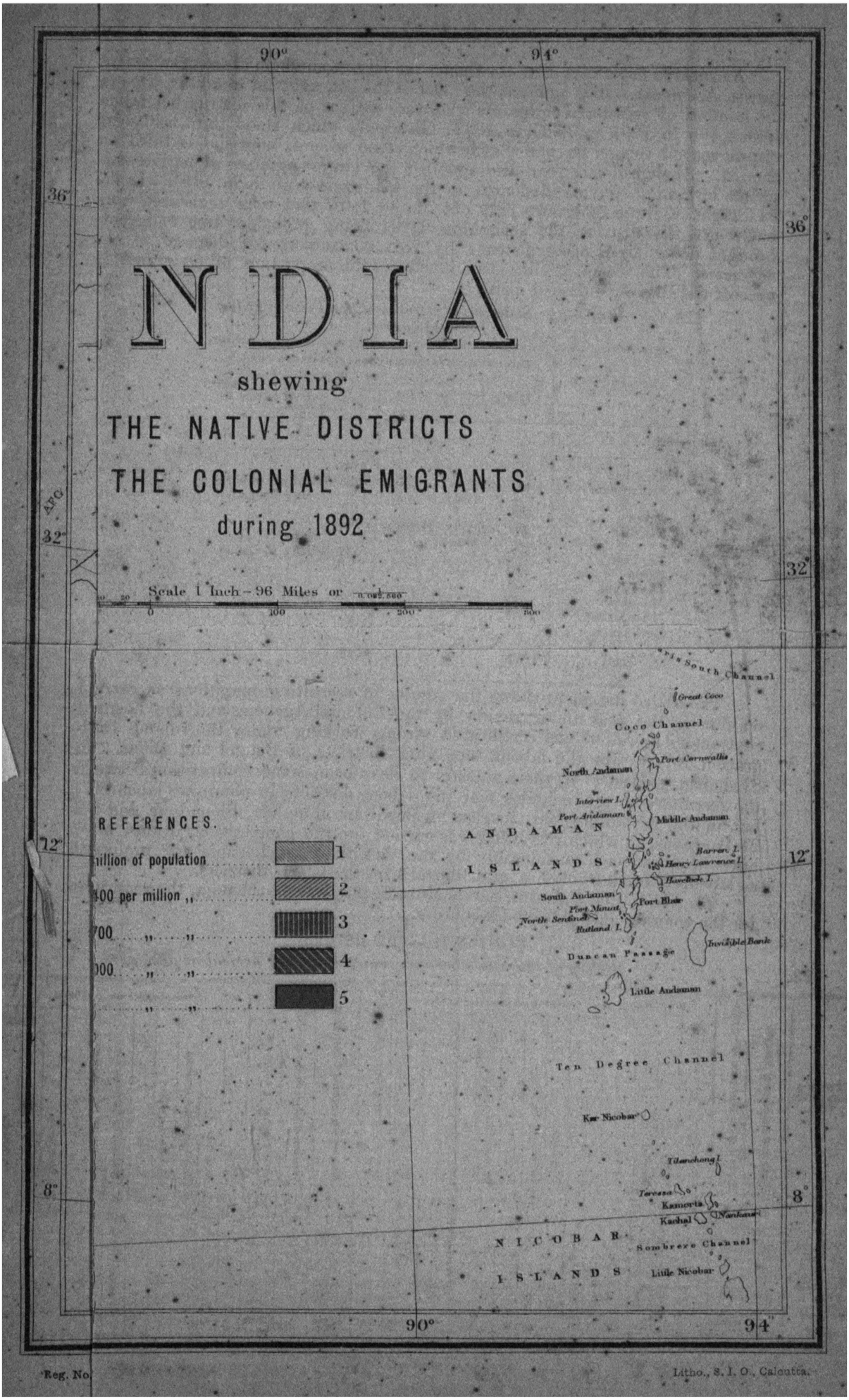
The above statement shews the results of recruiting operations as carried on during the year under review by the Colonial Agencies and the licensed contractors' recruiters and certificated sardars working under the Inland Emigration Act, within the labour supplying districts of Bengal and Bihar. In Shahabad, as last year, there appears to have been some competition between the recruiters for the colonies and the labour districts in obtaining labourers; but in the remaining four districts of Burdwan, Monghyr, Bhagalpur, and the 24-Parganas, in which recruiting was carried on, the competition, if any, must have been reduced considerably by the fact that Hindustanis are preferred as labourers for the colonies, and Bengalis for the labour districts.

22. In Patna, Calcutta, Saran, Muzaffarpur, and Darbhanga, the recruiters for the colonies only collected labourers.

## SECTION III.—THE DEPÔTS.

23. *History of emigrants between registration and arrival at depôts.*

| Emigration Agencies. | Number of emigrants registered. | Number of infants born after registration. | Total number to be accounted for. | Deductions before despatch to depôts. | | | | | | | | | | Number of emigrants unaccounted for. | Number of emigrants despatched. | Number of infants born on journey. | Total number of emigrants to be accounted for. | Deductions on journey. | | | | | | | | | Number of emigrants arrived at depôts. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | Died. | Deserted. | Left behind and detained. | Rejected as unfit. | Unwilling. | Claimed by relatives. | Transferred. | On account of relationship to rejected, claimed, and unwilling emigrants. | Total. Number. | Total. Percentage. | | | | | Died. | Deserted. | Left behind and detained. | Rejected as unfit. | Unwilling. | Claimed by relatives. | On account of relationship to rejected, claimed, and unwilling emigrants. | Transferred. | Total. Number. | Total. Percentage. | |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 |
| Demerara | 6,714 | ... | 6,714 | 2 | 188 | ... | 790 | 21 | 38 | 12 | ... | 1,051 | 15·65 | 240 | 5,427 | ... | 5,423 | ... | 11 | ... | ... | ... | 3 | ... | ... | 14 | ·25 | 5,409 |
| Trinidad | 3,767 | ... | 3,767 | 1 | 94 | 249 | 43 | 1 | 4 | ... | ... | 392 | 10·40 | 191 | 3,184 | ... | 3,184 | 1 | 22 | . | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 23 | ·72 | 3,161 |
| St. Lucia | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | .. | .. | ... | .. | .. | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | . | ... |
| Jamaica | ... | ... | .. | ... | .. | .. | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | . | .. | . | ... | ... | ... | ... | . | ... |
| Mauritius | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Natal | 2,692 | ... | [illegible] | 1 | 61 | .. | 250 | 11 | 13 | 20 | ... | 356 | 13·22 | 104 | 2,292 | ... | 2,932 | ... | 5 | 15 | 13 | 1 | 3 | ... | ... | 37 | 1·61 | 2,195 |
| Fiji | 2,418 | ... | [illegible] | 1 | 30 | 150 | 127 | 6 | 24 | ... | ... | 338 | 13·07 | ... | 2,080 | ... | 2,080 | . | 18 | . | .. | .. | 1 | .. | ... | 19 | ·91 | 2,061 |
| Surinam | 1,634 | ... | [illegible] | ... | 33 | .. | 155 | 15 | 7 | ... | ... | 210 | 12·85 | 49 | 1,378 | . | 1,378 | . | 2 | 1 | 2 | . | . | . | ... | 5 | ·36 | 1,370 |
| Total ... | 17,225 | ... | 17,[illegible] | 5 | 406 | 399 | 1,365 | 54 | 86 | 32 | ... | 2,347 | 13·62 | 584 | 14,294 | .. | 14,294 | 1 | 58 | 16 | 15 | 1 | 7 | ... | ... | 98 | ·68 | 14,196 |



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Henry Lawrence I.
Havelock I.
South Andaman
Port Blair
Port Mouat
North Sentinel
Rutland I.
Invisible Bank
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Little Andaman
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Of the 17,225 emigrants registered during the year under review, 2,347 emigrants were not despatched to the Agencies' depôts for the reasons shown in the statement, the percentage of deductions being 13·6. So many as 1,365 emigrants were rejected as unfit for emigration, and this points to the necessity for qualified medical examiners being appointed by the Emigration Agents to select suitable labourers prior to registration, and to the desirability of a registration fee being charged, in order to ensure a proper class of intending emigrants being placed before registering officers, whose time is more valuable than to be wasted in registering emigrants who are subsequently declared unfit to proceed to the colonies. This year 584 emigrants only have not been accounted for by the Agencies, which is a decided improvement, as last year 6,755 emigrants remained unaccounted for. With the introduction of sub-depôt registers since the close of the year under report, every registered emigrant will doubtless be accounted for by the Emigration Agencies concerned. Deducting the above 2,931 emigrants from 17,225 that were registered, the remaining 14,294 were despatched to the several Agencies' depôts.

24. The number under despatch (14,294) suffered a reduction of 98 emigrants during the journey to the depôts by 1 death, 58 desertions, 16 detentions, and 23 discharges for various reasons, the percentage being 0·68, against 3·70 in 1891, so that 14,196 emigrants reached the depôts at Garden Reach.

25. The following statement furnishes particulars regarding the disposal of the emigrants who were admitted into the several depôts at work during the year under review :—

*History of Emigrants between arrival at Depôts and final disposal.*

| Emigration Agencies. | Number of emigrants forwarded from sub-depôts. | Orphans of return emigrants. | Re admission from outside hospitals. | Number remaining over from previous year. | Number of infants born in depôts. | Total number accommodated in depôts during the year. | Deduction of Emigrants. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Number of emigrants remaining at depôts at the close of the year. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | Number of casualties. | | | | | | Sent to outside hospital. | | Number discharged by Agencies. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
| | | | | | | | Died. | | Deserted. | | Total. | | | | Rejected as unfit. | | Unwilling. | | Claimed by relatives. | | On account of relationship to rejected, claimed or unwilling emigrants. | | Transferred to other Agencies as volunteers. | | Released from engagement and returned to places of registration. | | Surplus of season's requirements. | | Proceeded to Colonies as passengers. | | Total. | | Grand Total. | | Emigrants despatched to Colonies. | | |
| | | | | | | | Number. | Percentage. | Number. | Percentage. | Number. | Percentage. | Number. | Percentage. | Number | Percentage. | Number. | Percentage. | Number. | Percentage. | Number. | Percentage. | Number. | Percentage. | Number. | Percentage. | Number. | Percentage. | Number. | Percentage. | Number. | Percentage. | Number. | Percentage. | Number. | Percentage | |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 |
| Demerara ... | 5,409 | 4 | 12 | 2 | 5 | 5,432 | 8 | ·14 | 82 | 1·50 | 90 | 1·65 | 12 | ·22 | 374 | 6·88 | 28 | ·51 | 27 | 4·97 | 114 | 2 09 | 44 | ·81 | ... | ... | 13 | ·23 | 7 | ·12 | 619 | 11·39 | 709 | 13·05 | 4,723 | 86·94 | ... |
| Trinidad ... | 3,161 | ... | ... | ... | 1 | 3,162 | 2 | ·06 | 43 | 1·35 | 45 | 1·42 | .. | | 304 | 9 61 | 16 | ·50 | 17 | ·53 | 120 | 3·79 | ... | . | 3 | ·09 | 32 | 1·01 | 5 | ·15 | 497 | 15·71 | 542 | 17·14 | 2,620 | 82 85 | ... |
| St. Lucia ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | . | .. | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | . | ... | . | ... | ... | .. | ... | ... | ... | .. | . | .. | ... | . | ... | . | ... | ... | . | ... |
| Jamaica .. | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | .. | ... | ... | ... | . | ... | .. | .. | .. | ... | ... | .. | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | . | ... | ... | ... | ... | .. | ... | .. | .. | ... | .. | ... |
| Mauritius .. | ... | .. | .. | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | . | ... | ... | .. | ... | ... | ... | .. | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | .. | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | . | ... | .. | ... | ... |
| Natal ... | 2,195 | ... | 16 | 71 | 5 | 2,287 | 19 | ·83 | 35 | 1 53 | 54 | 2·36 | 16 | ·69 | 270 | 11·80 | 42 | 1·83 | 7 | ·30 | 85 | 3·71 | 417 | 18·23 | 1 | ·04 | ... | ... | .. | ... | 839 | 36·64 | 892 | 39·00 | 1,028 | 44·94 | 367 |
| Fiji .. | 2,061 | .. | 92 | ... | 2 | 2,155 | 17 | ·78 | 33 | 1·53 | 50 | 2 32 | 92 | 4·26 | 304 | 14·10 | 15 | ·69 | 15 | ·69 | 83 | 3·85 | 3 | ·13 | 16 | ·74 | 45 | 2·08 | 3 | ·13 | 576 | 26·72 | 696 | 29·04 | 1,529 | 70 95 | ... |
| Surinam ... | 1,370 | ... | 1 | 640 | 8 | 2,019 | 10 | ·49 | 18 | ·89 | 28 | 1·38 | 3 | ·14 | 92 | 4 55 | 3 | ·14 | 9 | ·44 | 22 | 1·08 | 31 | 1·53 | 1 | ·04 | 38 | 1·88 | 1 | ·04 | 200 | 9·90 | 228 | 11·29 | 1,233 | 61·06 | 558 |
| Total ... | 14,196 | 4 | 121 | 713 | 21 | 15,055 | 56 | 37 | 211 | 1·40 | 267 | 1·77 | 123 | ·81 | 1,344 | 8 92 | 104 | ·69 | 75 | ·49 | 424 | 2·81 | 495 | 3·28 | 21 | ·13 | 128 | ·85 | 16 | ·10 | 2,730 | 18 13 | 2,997 | 19·90 | 11,133 | 73·94 | 925 |

26. The 14,196 emigrants that arrived at their destinations were accommodated in the depôts of five Agencies, viz, Demerara, Trinidad, Natal, Fiji, and Surinam. Besides these, there were in the depôts 834 emigrants of the previous year, 4 orphan children of returned emigrants, and 21 infants born in the depôts; so that the total number accommodated in 1892 amounted to 15,055 emigrants, against 21,101 in 1891. The number of casualties in the depôts from all causes and of discharges by the Agencies amounted to 2,997, or 19·9 per cent., against 4,720, or 22·3 per cent., in the previous year, leaving 12,058 emigrants available for despatch this year, against 16,381 last year. Of the 12,058 emigrants, 11,133 were shipped to the colonies, leaving 925 in two of the five depôts at the close of the year for subsequent disposal.

27. The percentages of deaths and desertions are lower than those of the previous year, being 0·37 and 1·40, against 0·66 and 1·64 respectively; and taking the total casualties, the percentage compares very favourably with that of 1891, being 1·77 against 2·31. In respect of the number of emigrants who were discharged from the depôts for the several reasons shown in the statement, the percentage has decreased, being 18·13, against 20·05 in 1891. There has also been an improvement in regard to rejected emigrants, the percentage of those declared to be unfit for despatch having fallen from 9·7 in 1891 to 8·9 in 1892; but there is still room for greater improvement. Rejection of emigrants after registration in the sub-depôts is bad enough, but that of emigrants after admission into the depôts is far worse owing to the miserable position to which such rejected emigrants are reduced by the falling through of the engagements on the part of the Agencies to send them to the colonies for the promised means of livelihood. The small amounts paid to them on discharge cannot compensate them for the breaking up of their homes, the selling at a loss of the little that they may have possessed in their native villages, and the crushing of their hopes of better prospects; so that, as previously remarked, it is only fair to the intending emigrants to have them carefully and thoroughly examined as to their physical fitness for labour previous to their being taken up for registration. If then found fit, they should be registered and the engagements should be binding, unless under exceptional circumstances. Such arrangements would unquestionably prove advantageous to the Agencies as well as to intending emigrants.

| Diseases in Depôt. | Demerara. | | | | Trinidad. | | | | Natal. | | | | Fiji. | | | | Surinam. | | | | Mauritius. | | | | St. Lucia. | | | | Jamaica. | | | | Total. | | | | Remarks. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Sickness. | | Deaths. | | Sickness. | | Deaths. | | Sickness. | | Deaths. | | Sickness. | | Deaths. | | Sickness. | | Deaths. | | Sickness. | | Deaths. | | Sickness. | | Deaths. | | Sickness. | | Deaths. | | Sickness. | | Deaths. | | |
| | Number. | Percentage. | Number. | Percentage. | Number. | Percentage. | Number. | Percentage. | Number. | Percentage. | Number. | Percentage. | Number. | Percentage. | Number. | Percentage. | Number. | Percentage. | Number. | Percentage. | Number. | Percentage. | Number. | Percentage. | Number. | Percentage. | Number. | Percentage. | Number. | Percentage. | Number. | Percentage. | Number. | Percentage. | Number. | Percentage. | |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 |
| Cholera ... ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | .. | 3 | ·13 | 2 | ·08 | | ·18 | 4 | ·18 | 1 | ·04 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 8 | ·05 | 6 | ·03 | |
| Dysentery ... ... | 21 | ·38 | ... | ... | 23 | ·73 | ... | ... | 18 | ·78 | ... | ... | 5 | ·23 | 1 | ·04 | 22 | 1·06 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 89 | ·58 | 1 | ... | |
| Diarrhœa ... ... | 6 | ·11 | 2 | ·03 | 5 | ·15 | ... | ... | 4 | ·17 | ... | ... | 5 | ·23 | 1 | ·04 | 5 | ·24 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 25 | ·16 | 3 | ·01 | |
| Fever ... ... | 52 | ·95 | 1 | ·01 | 77 | 2·43 | ... | ... | 34 | 1·48 | 4 | ·17 | 60 | 2·78 | 7 | ·32 | 42 | 2·09 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 265 | 1·76 | 12 | ·07 | 1 Remaining under treatment from last year. |
| Measles ... ... | 6 | ·11 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 10 | ·43 | ... | ... | 48 | 2·22 | 2 | ·09 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 64 | ·42 | 2 | ·01 | |
| Small-pox ... ... | .. | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | .. | ... | ... | |
| Chicken-pox ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | ·03 | ... | ... | . | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | .. | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | ... | ... | ... | |
| Chest affections .. | 18 | ·33 | 3 | ·05 | 20 | ·63 | 2 | ·06 | 29 | 1·26 | 11 | ·48 | 2 | ·09 | ... | ... | 20 | ·99 | 8 | ·39 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 89 | ·59 | 24 | ·15 | 4 ditto. |
| Venereal ,, ... | 5 | ·09 | ... | ... | 1 | ·03 | ... | ... | 3 | ·13 | ... | ... | 16 | ·74 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 25 | ·16 | ... | ... | |
| Other diseases and accidents. | 13 | ·23 | 2 | ·03 | 27 | ·85 | ... | ... | 7 | ·30 | 2 | ·08 | 31 | 1·43 | 2 | ·09 | 25 | 1·23 | 2 | ·09 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 103 | ·68 | 8 | ·05 | 3 ditto. |
| Total of 1892 ... | 121 | 2·23 | 8 | ·14 | 154 | 4·86 | 2 | ·06 | 108 | 4·72 | 19 | 83 | 171 | 7·93 | 17 | ·78 | 115 | 5·69 | 10 | ·49 | ... | ... | ... | .. | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | .. | ... | 669 | 4·44 | 56 | ·37 | |
| Total of 1891 ... | 255 | 3·56 | 69 | ·97 | 185 | 4·30 | 15 | ·34 | 99 | 4·32 | 16 | ·69 | 74 | 5·14 | 2 | ·13 | 80 | 5·52 | 3 | ·20 | 58 | 6·71 | 6 | ·69 | 47 | 6·01 | 4 | ·51 | 188 | 6 53 | 26 | ·90 | 986 | 4·67 | 141 | ·66 | |

The percentages of sickness and deaths in respect of the Demerara depôt are lower during the year under review than those of 1891. In the case of the Trinidad depôt, the percentage of sickness is higher, but that of deaths is lower than in 1891; but in regard to the remaining depôts of Natal, Fiji, and Surinam, the percentages of both sickness and deaths are higher than in the previous year. Taking all the depôts collectively, the percentages of sickness and deaths are lower than in 1891, being 4·44 and 0·37, against 4·67 and 0·66 respectively.

29. The Medical Inspector of Emigrants, Surgeon-Captain A. Leahy, makes the following observations regarding the sickness in the depôts during the year under report:—

"In the annexed table of sickness and mortality will be found the admissions into hospital for the various diseases, together with the deaths which occurred in each depôt during the year 1892.

"From this table it will be seen the total admissions amounted to 661, and the total mortality to 56, as against 986 admissions and 141 deaths for the year 1891. The admissions into hospital constituted 3·5 per cent. of the total admissions into the various depôts, while the rate of mortality was 8·4 per cent. of the admissions into hospital and 2·9 per mille of the total population of all the depôts.

"The chief causes of sickness during the year were: (*a*) malarial fevers, (*b*) chest affections, and (*c*) dysentery. For malarial fevers there were 264 admissions, and of these only 12 proved fatal. Chest affections accounted for 85 admissions and 24 deaths, while 89 persons were attacked by dysentery, and one case only ended fatally. Among the cases of fever, so far as is known, no instances of cerebro-spinal meningitis occurred. The disease measles during the past year was slightly prevalent in comparison with previous years. In all only 64 cases occurred, and of these only 2 were fatal, as against 183 cases with 22 deaths in the year 1891. This marked decrease is in every way most satisfactory, and the cases of the disease met with were entirely sporadic in character. In the British Guiana depôt there was an outbreak of an eruptive fever, which was diagnosed to be 'rothelu' or German measles, but it must be exceedingly difficult to distinguish differentially in natives between true measles and 'rothelu.' The coolies attacked by 'rothelu' have been resident in depôt for periods varying from 6 to 9 weeks, and all the cases were promptly sent to the segregation depôt until free from the disease. Upon the occurrence of the first case of measles every possible precaution was taken to prevent the disease spreading by infection and contagion, and with this object all cases on their occurrence were at once isolated in the segregation depôt which is attached to each main depôt, and they were thence mostly sent to the Campbell Hospital for treatment. The greatest cleanliness was enforced within the limits of the main depôt. Disinfectants were plentifully used, the platforms in the coolie sheds were removed, cleaned, disinfected and retarred, and the greatest attention was paid to the personal hygiene of the intending emigrants. These precautions appear to have been fairly successful, and the great decrease in the total number of cases of measles is matter for congratulation. At no time was the embarkation of the coolies or the starting of an emigrant ship delayed by the occurrence or existence of any disease.

"*Cholera.*—All the depôts were remarkably free from this disease throughout the year. In all, only 8 cases occurred, and of these 6 proved fatal, as against 31 seizures and 18 deaths during the year 1891. In accordance with custom all the cases of cholera as soon as they were diagnosed were sent to the Mayo or Campbell Hospital for treatment.

"The 8 cases were sporadic.

"*Bowel-complaints.*—Dysentery and diarrhœa accounted for 114 admissions into hospital and for 4 deaths, as against 130 admissions and 14 deaths during the year 1891.

"*Small-pox.*—Not a single case of this disease occurred during the year 1892.

"*Chest affections.*—Under this heading are included cases of phthisis, pneumonia, and bronchitis. During the year under review there were 85 admissions into hospital for these diseases, and out of these, 24 proved fatal. This high mortality occurred in the Natal depôt among cases of chest affections admitted during the months of January and February. The actual cause of death was pneumonia and broncho-pneumonia, both of which occurred as complications of measles and influenza."

30. The sanitary and other arrangements in depôts are reported on by the Medical Inspector as follows:—

General sanitation.

"Throughout the year the general saniatry arrangements of the depôts have been such as to merit my approval. The Agents for the colonies have been careful in constantly supervising the hygienic details of their respective depôts, and have been attentive to the personal hygiene of the coolies inhabiting them. These gentlemen have invariably paid immediate attention to any suggestions emanating from the Medical Inspector; and the conscientious way in which they have discharged their duties in all directions, together with the care they have continually shewn for the well being of the emigrants, leaves nothing to be desired. The resident native medical officers also merit approbation for their care of the sick in the various depôt hospitals. The coolies when sick in hospital not only have the constant attention of the resident medical officers, but they have, in addition, attendance and advice from the depôt Surgeons, each time those officers visit the depôts under their charge.

"*Accommodation*—In all the depôts sufficient.

"*Improvements.*—Last year I found it necessary to suggest to the Agent for Surinam, Mr. Reelfs, certain necessary improvements in the Surinam depôt. These, I am glad to be able to report, have been carried out; and this depôt now possesses a first rate hospital, dispensary, and a separate obstetrical ward for the reception of lying-in women. The initial expense in erecting these buildings was, perhaps, somewhat heavy, but they were necessary, and will be a very great boon to the coolies in depôt. In the British Guiana depôt, Mr. R. W. S. Mitchell, C.M.G, the Agent, has made very great improvements in the depôt hospital. At a cost of Rs 800, this building has been increased in height, has been provided with a concrete floor and with an excellent system of ventilation. Mr. Mitchell is now engaged in erecting a suitable lying-in ward for the reception of labour cases among the coolies. A ward of this description, as I have frequently pointed out, is an absolute necessity; and the treatment of pregnant women during labour in a general ward should never be permitted.

"*Food.*—The quality of the food issued at the various depôts throughout the year was excellent. It was well cooked, and was in every way suitable to the requirements of the coolies. Medical comforts of various kinds are kept in stock in the depôt hospitals, and are issued to the sick as required.

"*Water-supply.*—All the depôts are now in connection with the Calcutta main, and pure water from the tap is used for drinking and culinary purposes by the coolies. With reference to the above point, it is worthy of note that in the depôt under the superintendence of Mr. Mitchell, not a single case of cholera occurred during the year 1892. The coolies bathe in the river Hooghly.

"*Clothing.*—The clothing with which the emigrants were provided was of good quality and sufficient in quantity.

"*Latrine.*—The system of latrines is on the whole good and works satisfactorily. They are all kept carefully flushed and clean, and from a sanitary point of view leave little to be desired.

"*Hospitals.*—The depôt hospitals are kept properly supplied with drugs and instruments. They are in good order, of sufficient size, and are well ventilated, while the supervision and treatment of the sick coolies within them is ably carried out by the depôt Surgeons and the resident native doctors.

"*Vaccination*—All emigrant coolies are vaccinated or re-vaccinated shortly after their arrival in depôt."

31. *Comparative Statement of Mortality among Emigrants classified according to sex and age.*

| Emigration Depôts. | Number of emigrants accommodated. | | | | | | | Number of deaths. | | | | | | | Percentage of deaths. | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Adults. | | Children. | | Infants. | | Total. | Adults. | | Children | | Infants. | | Total. | Adults. | | Children. | | Infants. | | Total. |
| | Men. | Women. | Boys | Girls. | Male. | Female. | | Men. | Women. | Boys | Girls. | Male. | Female. | | Men. | Women. | Boys. | Girls. | Male. | Female. | |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 |
| Demerara ... | 3,282 | 1,378 | 325 | 273 | 94 | 80 | 5,432 | 2 | 1 | | 1 | 2 | 2 | 8 | ·06 | 0·70 | | 0 36 | 2 13 | 2 05 | 0 14 |
| Trinidad | 1,783 | 885 | 215 | 125 | 78 | 76 | 3,162 | ... | . | ... | ... | 2 | .. | 2 | ... | .. | ... | . . | 2 56 | ... | 0·06 |
| St. Lucia | | ... | ... | ... | ... | . | ... | .... | ... | ... | ... | ... | .. | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | | ... |
| Jamaica ... | ... | ... | . | ... | ... | ... | . | .. | . | ... | .. | ... | ... | ... | ... | . | .. | ... | ... | | ... |
| Mauritius | ... | . | ... | | ... | .. | ... | .. | | .. | | ... | ... | ... | ... | | ... | ... | | .. | |
| Natal ... | 1,315 | 598 | 150 | 135 | 48 | 41 | 2,287 | 6 | 3 | 4 | 3 | 2 | 1 | 19 | 0·45 | 0·50 | 2·66 | 2·22 | 4·16 | 2·43 | 0·85 |
| Fiji . . | 1,275 | 547 | 143 | 127 | 34 | 29 | 2,155 | 9 | 3 | 2 | 2 | ... | 1 | 17 | 0·70 | 0·54 | 1 39 | 1·57 | ... | 3·44 | 0 78 |
| Surinam . | 1,278 | 487 | 99 | 80 | 29 | 46 | 2,019 | 6 | 2 | .. | ... | 2 | ... | 10 | ·46 | 0·41 | . | ... | ... | 0·89 | 0·49 |
| Total ... | 8,933 | 3,895 | 932 | 740 | 283 | 272 | 15,055 | 23 | 9 | 6 | 6 | 8 | 4 | 56 | 0·25 | 0·23 | 0 64 | 0·81 | 2 82 | 1·47 | 0·37 |

Looking to the number of deaths that occurred in the depôts during the year under report, that among men greatly exceeded that among women; that among boys and girls was equal; and that among male infants was larger than that among female infants; so that, taken collectively, the deaths among males largely exceeded those among females, as in the previous year, the numbers being 37 and 19, against 83 and 58 respectively.

32. If the percentage of deaths, however, be considered, that in respect of men was higher than that in respect of women, the reverse having been the case in the previous year; that in respect of boys was lower than that in respect of girls, as in the previous year; and that among male infants was higher than that in respect of female infants, as in the previous year.

33. *Return showing cause of lengthy detention of Emigrants in Depôts during the year* 1892.

| Colonies. | Number detained. | | | | How disposed of. | | | | | | | Cause of detention. | Remarks. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Over one month. | Over two months. | Over three months. | Total. | Number despatched to colony. | Number released. Under section 50 (1) a. | Under section 50 (1) b. | Under section 50 (1) c. | Under section 65. | Deserted. | Died. | | |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 |
| Demerara ... | 667 | 38 | 1 | 706 | 583 | 4 | 4 | 88 | 9 | 16 | 2 | Awaiting equipment of ship and sickness in depôt. | |
| Trinidad ... | 394 | 32 | .. | 426 | 381 | ... | 2 | 36 | ... | 6 | 1 | Ditto ditto. | |
| Natal ... | 260 | 84 | 24 | 368 | 269 | ... | 5 | 62 | 20 | 11 | 1 | Steamers not arriving in time. | |
| Fiji . . | 358 | 39 | 3 | 400 | 304 | . | 16 | 71 | ... | 4 | 5 | Awaiting equipment of ship. | |
| Surinam . | 640 | 19 | 14 | 673 | 641 | 1 | .. | 31 | . | | | Awaiting arrival of ship and sickness in depôt. | |
| Total | 2,319 | 212 | 42 | 2,573 | 2,178 | 5 | 27 | 288 | 29 | 37 | 9 | | |

The detention of emigrants in the depôts over one, two, and three months in 1892 compares favourably with that in 1891, the percentages being 15·4, 1·4 and 0·2, against 17·7, 3·3 and 0·5 respectively. The causes of the prolonged detention are stated by the Emigration Agents to have been delay in the arrival and equipment of chartered vessels and sickness in depôt.

## SECTION IV.—EMBARKATION.

### 34. *Statement of embarked Emigrants.*

| Native Provinces of those embarked. | Number of Emigrants embarked for the Colonies. | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Demerara. | Trinidad. | St. Lucia. | Jamaica. | Mauritius. | Natal. | Fiji. | Surinam. | Grand Total. |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| Bengal and Bihar .. .. ... ... | 733 | 608 | ... | ... | ... | 101 | 161 | 138 | 1,741 |
| North-Western Provinces ... ... | 2,840 | 1,683 | ... | ... | ... | 704 | 933 | 550 | 6,719 |
| Oudh ... ... ... ... ... ... | 1,088 | 293 | ... | ... | ... | 203 | 800 | 514 | 2,408 |
| Central Provinces ... ... ... ... | 10 | 11 | ... | ... | ... | 2 | 3 | ... | 26 |
| Punjab ... ... ... ... | 22 | 2 | ... | ... | ... | 3 | 8 | 4 | 39 |
| Nepal and other Native States ... | 52 | 10 | ... | ... | ... | 15 | 62 | 25 | 173 |
| Bombay and Madras ... ... ... | 14 | 4 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 | 2 | 12 |
| Burma ... ... ... ... ... | 1 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 |
| Demerara ... ... ... ... ... | 4 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 4 |
| Total ... | 4,723 | 2,620 | ... | ... | ... | 1,028 | 1,529 | 1,233 | 11,133 |

The number of emigrants embarked for the several colonies during the year under review was 11,133, against 15,668 in the previous year. Of this number, 9,900 emigrants were conveyed to the British colonies, and 1,233 to the foreign colony of Surinam (Dutch Guiana), the percentage to total number under despatch being 88·9 and 11·07 respectively.

35. Of the 9,900 emigrants embarked for the British colonies, 4,723, or 47·7 per cent., were conveyed to Demerara (British Guiana); 2,620, or 26·4 per cent., to Trinidad; 1,529, or 15·4 per cent., to Fiji; and 1,028, or 10·3 per cent., to Natal. As usual, the largest number of emigrants was despatched to Demerara.

### 36. *Return Emigrants who re-emigrated.*

| Colonies. | Number of Emigrants despatched to the Colonies. | | | | | | | | | | | | Colonies from which re-emigrating Emigrants had returned to India. | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Fresh emigrants. | | | | Return emigrants. | | | | Total percentage of return to fresh emigrants. | | | | Demerara. | | | | Trinidad. | | | | St. Lucia. | | | | Jamaica. | | | | Fiji. | | | | | | | |
| | Men. | Women. | Children. | Total. | Men. | Women. | Children. | Total. | Men. | Women. | Children. | Total. | Men. | Women. | Children. | Total. | Men. | Women. | Children. | Total. | Men. | Women. | Children. | Total. | Men. | Women. | Children. | Total. | Men. | Women. | Children. | Total. | | | | |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 | 32 | 33 | | | | |
| Demerara ... | 2,763 | 1,125 | 502 | 4,390 | 160 | 105 | 68 | 333 | 5·79 | 9·33 | 13·54 | 7·58 | 96 | 76 | 51 | 223 | 15 | 4 | 3 | 22 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 3 | 6 | 1 | 10 | 11 | 4 | 2 | 17 | | | | |
| Trinidad ... | 1,431 | 733 | 346 | 2,510 | 49 | 38 | 23 | 110 | 3·42 | 5·18 | 6·64 | 4·38 | 6 | 14 | 6 | 26 | 15 | 10 | 6 | 31 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 6 | 12 | 3 | 1 | 16 | | | | |
| St. Lucia ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | | | | |
| Jamaica ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | | | | |
| Mauritius ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | | | | |
| Natal ... | 550 | 263 | 153 | 966 | 30 | 14 | 18 | 62 | 5·45 | 5·32 | 11·76 | 6·41 | 15 | 7 | 9 | 31 | 1 | ... | ... | 1 | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | ... | ... | 1 | 1 | ... | ... | 1 | | | | |
| Fiji ... | 963 | 391 | 149 | 1,503 | 10 | 9 | 8 | 27 | 1·03 | 2·30 | 5·36 | 1·79 | 2 | 3 | ... | 5 | 3 | 1 | 3 | 7 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | 1 | 3 | 5 | | | | |
| Surinam ... | 755 | 295 | 164 | 1,214 | 8 | 9 | 2 | 19 | 1·05 | 3·05 | 1·21 | 1·56 | 4 | 6 | 2 | 12 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 1 | 2 | ... | 3 | | | | |
| Total ... | 6,461 | 2,807 | 1,314 | 10,682 | 257 | 175 | 119 | 551 | 3·97 | 6·23 | 9·05 | 5·20 | 123 | 106 | 68 | 297 | 34 | 15 | 12 | 61 | 1 | 1 | 3 | 5 | 7 | 9 | 3 | 19 | 26 | 10 | 6 | 42 | | | | |

| Colonies. | Colonies from which re-emigrating Emigrants had returned to India—*concluded.* | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | Total of return emigrants. | | | | Percentage. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Mauritius. | | | | Natal. | | | | Surinam. | | | | Guadeloupe. | | | | Grenada. | | | | Nevis. | | | | | | | | | |
| | Men. | Women. | Children. | Total. | Men. | Women. | Children. | Total. | Men. | Women. | Children. | Total. | Men. | Women. | Children. | Total. | Men. | Women. | Children. | Total. | Men. | Women. | Children. | Total. | Men. | Women. | Children. | Total. | |
| | 34 | 35 | 36 | 37 | 38 | 39 | 40 | 41 | 42 | 43 | 44 | 45 | 46 | 47 | 48 | 49 | 50 | 51 | 52 | 53 | 54 | 55 | 56 | 57 | 58 | 59 | 60 | 61 | 62 |
| Demerara .. | 4 | 3 | ... | 7 | 10 | 1 | 1 | 12 | 19 | 10 | 9 | 38 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 4 | ... | .. | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 160 | 105 | 68 | 333 | 60·43 |
| Trinidad ... | 2 | ... | ... | 2 | 2 | .. | ... | 2 | 6 | 7 | 6 | 20 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 49 | 38 | 23 | 110 | 19·96 |
| St. Lucia ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Jamaica .. | .. | .. | ... | .. | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Mauritius ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... |
| Natal ... | 1 | .. | ... | 1 | 6 | 5 | 22 | 33 | 3 | 1 | 1 | 5 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 30 | 14 | 18 | 62 | 11·25 |
| Fiji ... | 1 | 2 | ... | 3 | 1 | ... | 1 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 2 | 6 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 10 | 9 | 8 | 27 | 4·90 |
| Surinam ... | 1 | .. | .. | 1 | 1 | 1 | .. | 2 | 1 | . | ... | 1 | ... | ... | . | .. | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 8 | 9 | 2 | 19 | 3·44 |
| Total ... | 9 | 5 | ... | 14 | 2 | 8 | 9 | 39 | 33 | 20 | 17 | 70 | 2 | 1 | 1 | 4 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 267 | 175 | 119 | 551 | |

During the year under review the returned emigrants who re-emigrated to the colonies under labour contracts numbered 551, or 4·9 per cent. of the total number of emigrants despatched, against 629, or 4·01 per cent., in the previous year. Of the 551 return emigrants, 477 had returned from the seven British colonies of Demerara, Trinidad, Fiji, Natal, Jamaica, Mauritius, and St. Lucia; and the remaining 74 from the two foreign colonies of Surinam and Guadeloupe.

37. In re-emigrating, the largest number of return emigrants, 333, or 60·4 per cent., elected to proceed to Demerara; 110, or 19·9 per cent., to Trinidad; 62, or 11·2 per cent., to Natal; 27, or 4·9 per cent., to Fiji; and 19, or 3·4 per cent., to Surinam. The percentage in respect to Surinam was higher than that of last year, the percentage in 1891 having fallen to 2·3 from 14·2 in 1890.

38. Classifying the returned emigrants according to sex and age, 46·6 per cent. were men, 31·7 per cent. were women, and 21·5 were children. The proportion of women to men was 68 to every 100 men.

39. *Proportion of Women despatched to the Colonies.*

| Agency. | Shipment of Emigrants. | | | | Prescribed proportion of women. | | Women accompanying husbands. | | Remarks. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Number of men. | Number of women. | | | Deficiency of year under report. | Excess of year. | Number. | Percentage to unmarried women. | |
| | | Towards proportion of year under report. | Towards deficiency of previous year | Total. | | | | | |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| Demerara | 2,923 | 1,230 | ... | 1,230 | ... | 61 | 363 | 41·86 | |
| Trinidad .. | 1,480 | 771 | ... | 771 | . | 179 | 260 | 57·02 | |
| St. Lucia ... | ... | ... | .. | ... | .. | ... | . | ... | |
| Jamaica ... | | . | .. | .. | ... | | . | | |
| Mauritius | . | | .. | | | .. | .. | | |
| Natal ... | 580 | 277 | | 277 | | 45 | 77 | 38 5 | |
| Fiji .. | 972 | 400 | ... | 400 | . | 12 | 93 | 30 29 | |
| Surinam | 763 | 304 | ... | 304 | ... | | 119 | 64 32 | |

In connection with the importation of labour by the colonies in 1892, four out of the five Emigration Agencies concerned despatched more than the prescribed proportion of women, viz., 40 women to every 100 men. The Surinam Agency despatched the full number of women required to meet the above prescribed proportion. The Trinidad Agency embarked this year the largest number of women in excess, viz. 179, against 61 embarked in excess by the Demerara Agency. In view of colonial requirements in respect of women, these excess shipments are very commendable.

40. Considering the shipments separately of the eight vessels that conveyed emigrants to Demerara, two embarked women short of the prescribed proportion, viz, the ship *Grecian*, which left Calcutta in September 1892 with 34 women short, against 109 women shipped in excess in the remaining vessels; and in the case of Fiji, the ship *Avon*, which left Calcutta in March 1892, embarked 21 women short, against 36 in excess in other vessels, so that in respect of both colonies the deficiency was more than made good by the end of the year under report. In regard to Surinam, the deficiency of one woman in the first ship *Lena*, which left Calcutta in January 1892, was made good in the following and last ship, *British Peer*, which left in August 1892, so that the full prescribed proportion of women was despatched to the colony during the year 1892.

41. Excepting Surinam, there has been a considerable lowering of the percentage to single women of women accompanying their husbands in 1892. In the case of Surinam, the percentage has risen in 1892 to 64·3 from 52·5 in 1891.

42. *Abstract of Shipment to the Colonies during the year* 1892.

| Colonies to which vessels were bound. | Number of vessels. | | | Number of Emigrants carried. | | Remarks. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Sailing | Steam. | Total. | Total. | Average for each vessel | |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 |
| Demerara ... | 8 | ... | 8 | 4,723 | 590 | The average number of emigrants carried in each vessel for the year 1891 was 580. |
| Trinidad ... | 4 | ... | 4 | 2,020 | 655 | |
| St. Lucia ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | |
| Jamaica ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | |
| Mauritius ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | |
| Natal ... | ... | 3 | 3 | 1,028 | 342 | |
| Fiji ... | 3 | ... | 3 | 1,529 | 509 | |
| Surinam ... | 2 | ... | 2 | 1,233 | 616 | |
| Total ... | 17 | 3 | 20 | 11,133 | 556 | |

Twenty vessels were employed during the year under review to convey 11,133 emigrants to the colonies, being seven vessels short of the number employed in the previous year. Of these 20 vessels, 17 were sailing ships and 3 were steamers chartered in Calcutta for the conveyance of emigrants to the colony of Natal lying east of the Cape of Good Hope. It is to be regretted that no steamers were engaged for the transport of emigrants proceeding to the West Indian colonies, though two steamers had been employed last year. The average number of emigrants carried in each vessel was 556, against 580 in the previous year.

43. *Emigrant Vessels despatched.*

| Serial number. | Names of Vessels. | Colonies to which bound. | Names of Commanders. | Names of Surgeons. | Date of departure | Date of arrival at colony. | Number of days' duration of voyage. | Number embarked. | | Deaths in each vessel. | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | | | | | | | | Souls. | Statute adults. | Number. | Percentage. |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| 1 | S.S. "Pongola" .. | Natal ... | Joseph Teer ... | T. D. Atkins .. | 27th January 1892 | 22nd February 1892 | 27 | 351 | 315 | 4 | 1·13 |
| 2 | S. "Lena" .. | Surinam ... | W. Gowan ... | R St. Romaine ... | 29th ,, ,, | 2nd May ,, | 95 | 698 | 650 | 10 | 1·43 |
| 3 | S. "British Peer"... | Fiji .. | W. H. Millichap | C. H. Gibson ... | 3rd February ,, | 23rd April ,, | 81 | 539 | 404½ | 2 | ·37 |
| 4 | S. "Avon" ... | Do. | T. Swindell ... | Theodore C. Evans | 5th March ,, | 5th May ,, | 61 | 522 | 409 | 4 | ·76 |
| 5 | S.S. "Congella" ... | Natal .. | D. Richards ... | G. P. Staunton ... | 6th ,, ,, | 28th March ,, | 23 | 342 | 321 | | |
| 6 | S. "Hereford" ... | Fiji ... | Arthur Fox ... | E. A. Hardwicke ... | 1st April ,, | 15th June ,, | 76 | 478 | 457 | 3 | ·62 |
| 7 | S.S. "Pongola" ... | Natal .. | Joseph H. Teer .. | J. J. Seaton ... | 24th ,, ,, | 18th May ,, | 25 | 335 | 306½ | 1 | ·29 |
| 8 | S. "Allanshaw" .. | Trinidad .. | A. C. Thompson ... | J. S. A. Ireland ... | 7th July ,, | 11th October ,, | 97 | 634 | 595 | 5 | ·78 |
| 9 | S. "Volga" .. | Demerara ... | J Handyside ... | Wm. Kenny ... | 7th ,, ,, | 9th ,, ,, | 95 | 664 | 643½ | 6 | ·90 |
| 10 | S. "Shiela" ... | Ditto .. | J. Denholm ... | John Perkins ... | 17th ,, ,, | 30th ,, ,, | 106 | 536 | 404½ | 13 | 2·42 |
| 11 | S. "Rhone" .. | Trinidad | John Mullen ... | W. H. Tindal King | 20th ,, ,, | 23rd ,, ,, | 96 | 664 | 619 | 3 | ·45 |
| 12 | S. "Jura" | Demerara | R Russell . | Percy J. Rendall | 31st ,, ,, | 25th ,, ,, | 87 | 551 | 514 | 16 | 2·90 |
| 13 | S. "Main" | Ditto | P Black ... | A. Harrison ... | 5th August ,, | 3rd November ,, | 91 | 650 | 606 | 7 | 1·07 |
| 14 | S. "British Peer"... | Surinam | W H. Millichap | G. E Anderson ... | 14th ,, ,, | 18th ,, ,, | 97 | 535 | 500 | 3 | 0·56 |
| 15 | S. "Rhine" | Trinidad .. | Alex. D. Thomson | W. P. E. Goodridge | 14th ,, ,, | 18th ,, ,, | 92 | 669 | 619 | 9 | 1·34 |
| 16 | S. "Brenda" .. | Demerara | W. L. Rosseter .. | E A. Hardwicke ... | 20th ,, ,, | 21st ,, ,, | 94 | 538 | 495 | 23 | 4·27 |
| 17 | S. "Grecian" .. | Ditto .. | J Thomson ... | Charles Woodward | 3rd September ,, | 26th ,, ,, | 84 | 545 | 513 | 13 | 2·38 |
| 18 | S. "Avoca" .. | Trinidad .. | N G. Hatch ... | R. Fonceca | 13th ,, ,, | 4th December ,, | 83 | 653 | 602½ | .. | |
| 19 | S. "Avon" ... | Demerara .. | T Swindell .. | Wm. Holman | 12th October ,, | 13th January 1893 | 94 | 612 | 578 | 6 | 0·98 |
| 20 | S. "Elbe" .. | Ditto | A. J. Fenner ... | Pringle Hughes ... | 29th ,, ,, | 30th ,, ,, | 94 | 627 | 594 | 18 | 2·87 |

The duration of the passage of the 20 vessels employed in conveying emigrants to the colonies varied from 25 days, the fastest voyage to Natal, to 106 days, the slowest voyage to Demerara; the average duration being 79 days, as in the previous year.

44. The aggregate mortality on the 20 voyages amounted to 146, against 398 in 1891, and the percentage of deaths on the number embarked in Calcutta was 1·31, against 2·54 in the previous year, which is very satisfactory.

45. There was no mortality on board the steamer *Congella* bound to Natal, and on board the ship *Avoca* bound to Trinidad. In all the remaining vessels, excepting the ship *Brenda*, the death-rate was under 3 per cent., and ranged from 0·29 to 2·90 per cent.

46. In the case of the ship *Brenda* the death-rate was 4·27 per cent., there having been 23 deaths among the 538 emigrants who were embarked in November 1 92 for Demerara.

The principal causes were measles and its sequelæ, the disease having broken out on the seventh day after the vessel left Calcutta, and assumed an epidemic form. The deaths from measles numbered 18, including that of an infant born on the voyage, and occurred among children chiefly, of whom 16 died, against 2 adults.

47. It is gratifying to record that no vessel was detained on account of epidemic disease during the year under review.

SECTION V—DISEMBARKATION.

48. The following statement furnishes particulars regarding the emigrants who returned to India from the several colonies, the amount of their savings, and the mortality on the return voyage:—

| Colonies | Number of ships | Number of steamers. | Total. | Number of souls embarked at colony. | Number of deaths on the voyage excluding those of infants born on board. | Average percentage of mortality on the voyage. | Savings. Aggregate. | Savings. Average amount on the number embarked. | Remarks |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| | | | | | | | Rs A. P. | Rs A. P. | |
| Demerara . | 4 | .. | 4 | 2,608 | 41 | 1 57 | 4,23,200 13 3 | 162 4 3 | |
| Trinidad | 1 | | 1 | 685 | 13 | 1 89 | 1,89,874 5 2 | 204 3 1 | |
| Fiji | 2 | | 2 | 470 | 6 | 1 25 | 70 948 9 3 | 150 14 6 | |
| Jamaica . | | 1 | 1 | 13 | | | 13 388 5 9 | 1,028 5 4 | |
| Natal . | | 2 | 2 | 200 | 3 | 1 45 | 40,950 7 1 | 198 12 7 | |
| Mauritius | | 4 | 4 | 622 | 19 | 3 05 | 14 344 0 0 | 23 0 11 | |
| Surinam .. | 1 | | 1 | 601 | 5 | 0 83 | 1,03,500 7 6 | 172 5 0 | |
| Bourbon ... | | 1 | 1 | 11 | | | Nil | Nil | All paupers. |
| Total | 8 | 8 | 16 | 5,225 | 87 | 1 66 | 8,15,247 0 0 | 156 0 5 | |

49. The number of returning emigrants in 1892 was 5,225, against 4,201 in 1891, and 16 vessels, of which 8 were sailing ships and 8 steamers, were employed to bring them, against 14 vessels, of which 6 were sailing ships and 8 steamers, in 1891; the average number of returning emigrants carried in each vessel during the year under report being 326, against 300 in the previous year.

50. The deaths on the return voyage, excluding those of infants born on board, numbered 87, as in the previous year; but the percentage is lower, being 1·66, against 2·07 in 1891. The deaths among the 22 infants born during the passage numbered 3, and adding these to the number that occurred among the emigrants embarked, the total deaths amounted to 90, or 1·7 per cent. of the total number of emigrants under conveyance.

Considering that the mortality in out-going ships among emigrants who, unlike returning emigrants that included aged persons and chronic invalids, were declared to be capable of undertaking the voyage, amounted to 1·3 per cent. of the number embarked, the death-rate, 1·6 per cent. of the number of returning emigrants embarked for India, is remarkably low, and points to the great care and attention bestowed on them during the voyage by the Surgeon Superintendents in charge.

51. In 1892 there were eight colonies that returned emigrants to India, against nine in the previous year, and the aggregate ascertained savings amounted to Rs. 8,15,247, against Rs. 5,82,057 in 1891, giving an average of Rs. 156 per emigrant embarked, against Rs. 138 in the preceding year. The largest average savings per head, taking each colony separately, were those of the returned emigrants from Jamaica, and amounted to Rs. 1,028: and the smallest were those of the returned emigrants from Mauritius, and amounted to Rs. 23 only. The savings in respect of the remaining six colonies average from Rs. 162 to Rs. 204 per head.

52. Brief particulars relating to each vessel that arrived with returned emigrants are furnished in the subjoined statement:—

| General number | Names of Vessels | Colonies from which emigrants returned. | Names of Surgeons. | Date of departure from colonies | Date of arrival at Calcutta. | Length of voyage. | Number of souls embarked at colony. | Number of births during the voyage. | Total. | Mortality during the voyage | Percentage of mortality |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 |
| | | | | | | Days | | | | | |
| 1 | S. "British Peer" | Surinam | George E Anderson | 15th August 1891 | 14th Jan. 1892 | 153 | 601 | 8 | 609 | 7 | 1 14 |
| 2 | S. "Erne" . | Trinidad | Henry Cecil . | 2nd Sept ,, .. | 21st ,, ,, | 142 | 685 | 4 | 689 | 13 | 1 88 |
| 3 | S. 'Avon" .. | Demerara . | C H Gibson | 20th August ,, | 25th ,, ,, | 159 | 720 | ... | 720 | 8 | 1 1 |
| 4 | S. 'Hereford" . | Ditto ... | Theodore C. Evans | 25th Sept. ,, .. | 27th Feb. ,, | 155 | 643 | | 643 | 24 | 3 73 |
| 5 | S. S. "Sultana" . | Mauritius | J M Rohan ... | 15th Feb. 1892 | 4th March ,, | 19 | 163 | ... | 163 | 3 | 1 84 |
| 6 | S. S. "Golconda" | Ditto ... | | | 8th May ,, | | 2 | ... | 2 | | |
| 7 | S. S. "Congella" ... | Natal . ... | G. P. Staunton ... | 22nd April ,, . | 20th ,, ,, | 29 | 62 | ... | 62 | 1 | 1 61 |
| 8 | S. S. 'Lalpoorn" ... | Mauritius | F L Keisler ... | 4th June ,, ... | 22nd June ,, | 18 | 155 | | 156 | 9 | 5 76 |
| 9 | S. "British Peer" | Fiji . | Chas. H Gibson .. | 3rd May ,, . | 24th ,, ,, | 53 | 464 | 1 | 465 | 5 | 1 07 |
| 10 | S. S. 'Normen" . | Bourbon .. .. | | | 2nd July ,, | | 11 | | 11 | | |
| 11 | S. Hereford" .. | Fiji ... | Compounder Janaki Nath Ghose in charge. | 25th June ,, | 13th Aug ,, | 50 | 15 | ... | 15 | 1 | 6 66 |
| 12 | S. S. "Wardha" | Mauritius .. | F. L Keisler .. | 27th August ,, | 14th Sept. ,, | 19 | 301 | ... | 301 | 7 | 2 32 |
| 13 | S. S. "Sirdhana" | Jamaica .. .. | | 5th July ,, . | 3rd Oct ,, | 91 | 13 | | 13 | | ... |
| 14 | S. S. Pongola" .. | Natal . | W H B Hocter ... | 24th August ,, | 21st Sept ,, | 29 | 144 | 1 | 145 | 2 | 1·37 |
| 15 | S. "Erne" . | Demerara | J Hasard ... | 12th July ,, ... | 18th Nov. ,, | 130 | 646 | 4 | 650 | 8 | 1·23 |
| 16 | S. "Bann" ... ... | Ditto | W. K. Miley .. | 10th August ,, . | 5th Dec. ,, | 118 | 599 | 4 | 603 | 2 | 0 33 |
| | | | | | | .. | 5,225 | 22 | 5,247 | 90 | 1 71 |

53. The voyage of the longest duration during the year under review extended over 159 days, against 189 in the previous year, and exceeded the longest outward voyage from Calcutta by 53 days. Taking the sailing return ships from the West Indies only, the average duration of voyage was 135 days, against 79 days, the average duration of the outward-bound ships from Calcutta to the West Indies; and notwithstanding this much longer duration of return voyages, the death-rate among the generally enfeebled homeward-bound emigrants has compared very favourably with that among the sturdy outward-bound emigrants.

## SECTION VI.—ADMINISTRATION OF EMIGRANTS' ESTATES.

54. Of the four classes of emigrants' estates that come under the administration of the Emigration Department, the first comprises those of intending emigrants who die in the depôt while awaiting embarkation; the second, those of embarked emigrants who die on the voyage to the colonies; the third, those of emigrants who die in the colonies; and the fourth, those of returning emigrants who die on the voyage to India. The first two classes form a very small proportion, and are considered together in the subjoined statement A; but the third and fourth are sufficiently large and important to merit separate consideration, and the two subjoined statements B and C respectively will furnish complete information as to the extent of the work done in connection with their administration.

55. *Statement (A) of vacant estates of emigrants who died in depôt and on the outward voyage as administered during the year* 1892.

| Colonies. | Vacant Estates. | | | | | | Administered Estates. | | | | | | Undisposed of Estates. | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Balance of 1891. | | Received in 1892. | | Total. | | Payment made to heirs traced. | | Heirs not traceable. | | Total. | | In course of payment. | | Under enquiry. | | Total. | |
| | No. | Amount at credit. | No. | Amount at credit. | No. | Amount at credit. | No. | Amount paid. | No. | Amount not payable. | No. | Amount. | No. | Amount. | No. | Amount. | No. | Amount. |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| | | Rs. A. P. | | Rs. A. P. | | Rs. A. P. | | Rs. A. P. | | Rs. A. P. | | Rs. A. P. | | Rs. A. P. | | Rs. A. P. | | Rs. A. P. |
| British Guiana | .. | . | ... | . | . | . | .. | ... | .. | ... | ... | ... | .. | .. | .. | ... | . | |
| Natal .. . | 1 | 0 3 8 | ... | . | 1 | 0 3 8 | .. | ... | 1 | 0 3 8 | 1 | 0 3 8 | ... | ... | .. | ... | .. | |
| Surinam ... | ... | . | 1 | 0 12 6 | 1 | 0 12 6 | ... | ... | 1 | 0 12 6 | 1 | 0 12 6 | | ... | .. | ... | ... | |
| Total | 1 | 0 3 8 | 1 | 0 12 6 | 2 | 1 0 2 | . | .. | 2 | 1 0 2 | 2 | 1 0 2 | | ... | .. | ... | ... | |

*Statement (B) of vacant estates of Immigrants who died in the Colonies as administered during the year* 1892.

| Colonies. | Vacant Estates | | | | | | Administered Estates. | | | | | | Undisposed of Estates. | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Balance of 1891. | | Received in 1892. | | Total. | | Payment made to heirs traced. | | Heirs not traceable. | | Total. | | In course of payment. | | Under enquiry. | | Total. | |
| | No. | Amount at credit. | No. | Amount at credit. | No. | Amount at credit. | No. | Amount paid. | No. | Amount escheated to Colonial Government. | No. | Amount. | No. | Amount. | No. | Amount. | No. | Amount. |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| | | Rs. A. P. | | Rs. A. P. | | Rs. A. P. | | Rs. A. P. | | Rs. A. P. | | Rs. A. P. | | Rs. A. P. | | Rs. A. P. | | Rs. A. P. |
| British Guiana | 125 | (a)24,110 7 8 | 107 | 7,263 3 10 | 232 | 31,373 11 6 | 84 | 13,003 7 4 | 33 | 2,253 15 8 | 117 | 15,255 6 7 | 64 | 7,176 11 0 | 51 | 8,941 9 2 | 115 | 16,118 4 11 |
| Fiji .. ... | 25 | (b) 1,923 6 9 | 11 | 1,440 11 9 | 36 | 3,364 2 6 | 20 | 1,136 0 2 | 5 | 82 10 3 | 25 | 1,219 1 5 | 3 | 794 10 1 | 8 | 1,350 4 8 | 11 | 2,145 1 1 |
| Mauritius | 80 | 6,931 0 7 | 4 | 861 14 0 | 84 | 7,792 14 7 | 6 | 413 6 4 | 12 | 1,000 14 3 | 18 | 1,414 4 7 | 41 | 2,475 13 5 | 25 | 3,903 13 7 | 66 | 6,378 10 0 |
| Natal ... ... | 4 | (c) 86 3 8 | 13 | 522 11 5 | 17 | 608 15 1 | 3 | 78 7 6 | ... | ... | 3 | 78 7 6 | 1 | 7 13 8 | 13 | 522 11 5 | 14 | 530 7 7 |
| Jamaica .. | 5 | (d) 7,845 0 10 | 1 | 4 0 10 | 6 | 7,852 1 8 | 3 | 5,410 3 9 | ... | ... | 3 | 5,410 3 9 | 3 | 2,441 13 11 | | | 3 | 2,441 13 11 |
| Trinidad | 2 | 134 4 0 | 3 | 421 4 0 | 5 | 555 8 0 | 1 | 159 13 0 | 1 | 93 5 0 | 2 | 253 2 0 | 1 | 40 15 0 | 2 | 261 7 0 | 3 | 302 6 0 |
| St. Lucia ... | ... | .. | 8 | 1,137 7 1 | 8 | 1,137 7 1 | 1 | 23 3 6 | ... | | 1 | 23 3 6 | . | ... | 7 | 1,115 3 7 | 7 | 1,115 3 7 |
| Guadeloupe | | ... | 2 | 2,595 14 0 | 2 | 2,595 14 0 | ... | ... | | . | ... | ... | ... | ... | 2 | 2,595 14 0 | 2 | 2,595 14 0 |
| Total | 241 | 41,033 7 6 | 140 | 14,247 2 11 | 390 | 55,290 10 5 | 118 | 20,223 0 2 | 51 | 3,429 15 8 | 169 | 23,654 13 4 | 113 | 12,937 14 1 | 108 | 18,089 15 0 | 221 | 31,627 13 1 |

(a) Discrepancy of Rs. 1,107-13-7, due to receipt of larger amounts on account of some estates.
(b) Ditto of Rs. 40-3-3 ditto ditto ditto ditto.
(c) Ditto of Rs. 2-3-9 ditto ditto ditto ditto.
(d) Ditto of Rs. 670-0-10 ditto ditto ditto ditto.

*Statement (C) of returned Emigrants' vacant estates as administered during the year 1892.*

| Colonies. | Vacant Estates | | | | | | Administered Estates. | | | | | | Undisposed of Estates | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Balance of 1891. | | Received in 1892. | | Total. | | Payment made to heirs traced. | | Heirs not traceable. | | Total. | | In course of payment. | | Under enquiry. | | Total. | |
| | No. | Amount at credit. | No. | Amount at credit. | No. | Amount at credit. | No. | Amount paid. | No. | Amount not payable. | No. | Amount. | No. | Amount | No | Amount. | No. | Amount. |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| | | Rs. A. P. | | Rs. A. P. | | Rs. A. P. | | Rs. A. P. | | Rs. A. P. | | Rs. A. P. | | Rs. A. P | | Rs. A. P. | | Rs. A. P. |
| British Guiana | 15 | (a)2,239 7 11 | 28 | 3,063 1 5 | 43 | 5,295 9 4 | 27 | 4,452 11 0 | 4 | 148 0 9 | 31 | 4,600 11 9 | 8 | 306 1 2 | 4 | 388 12 5 | 12 | 694 13 7 |
| Trinidad | 8 | 4,746 11 4 | 10 | 1,832 8 0 | 18 | 6,579 3 4 | 10 | 2,002 4 2 | 2 | 0 2 8 | 12 | 2,002 6 10 | 2 | 4,119 14 6 | 4 | 456 14 0 | 6 | 4,576 12 6 |
| Mauritius | 2 | 1 0 2 | 13 | 172 14 5 | 15 | 173 14 7 | 2 | 2 10 9 | 1 | 0 5 5 | 3 | 3 0 2 | 1 | 113 7 0 | 11 | 57 7 8 | 12 | 170 14 5 |
| Natal | 1 | 0 0 11 | 3 | 37 13 5 | 4 | 37 14 4 | 2 | 37 10 8 | ... | ... | 2 | 37 10 8 | ... | ... | 2 | 0 3 8 | 2 | 0 3 8 |
| Fiji | 5 | 122 8 9 | 8 | 77 5 11 | 13 | 199 14 8 | 5 | 151 10 0 | 1 | 18 3 3 | 6 | 169 13 3 | . | ... | 7 | 30 1 5 | 7 | 30 1 5 |
| Jamaica | 6 | (b)558 12 5 | | .. | 6 | 558 12 5 | 4 | 548 13 11 | 2 | 9 14 6 | 6 | 558 12 5 | ... | | .. | .. | | ... |
| St. Lucia | 1 | 227 15 6 | | | 1 | 227 15 6 | .. | ... | | ... | | .. | 1 | 227 15 6 | ... | | 1 | 227 15 6 |
| Guadeloupe ... | 2 | 406 15 3 | .. | | 2 | 406 15 3 | 1 | 259 9 9 | | ... | 1 | 259 9 9 | ... | ... | 1 | 146 5 6 | 1 | 146 5 6 |
| Dutch Guiana | 1 | 533 5 5 | 5 | 1,088 13 10 | 6 | 1,622 3 3 | 2 | 780 14 11 | | ... | 2 | 780 14 11 | 1 | 1 9 3 | 3 | 839 11 1 | 4 | 841 4 4 |
| Total ... | 41 | 8,829 13 8 | 67 | 6,272 9 0 | 108 | 15,102 6 8 | 53 | 8,235 5 2 | 10 | 176 10 7 | 63 | 8,411 15 9 | 13 | 4,768 15 5 | 32 | 1,921 7 6 | 45 | 6,690 6 11 |

(a) Discrepancy of Rs 12-4 2 due to receipt of additional amounts on account of some estates.
(b) Ditto of Rs 79-10-2 ditto ditto ditto.

The aggregate number of estates under administration during the year under review was 500, valued at Rs. 70,384-1-3. Of this number, 234 estates, valued at Rs. 32,065-13-3, were finally administered, the sum of Rs. 28,458-5-4 having been paid to the heirs traced in respect of 171 estates, and the sum of Rs. 3,607-7-11 standing at credit of the remaining 63 estates having lapsed to the Indian and Colonial Governments concerned, owing in some cases to absence of heirs, and in others to inability to trace them under the falsified descriptive particulars furnished by their emigrant relatives at the time of registration.

56. Besides the final disposal of the above 234 estates, heirs were traced in respect of 126 estates, valued at Rs. 17,706-13-6; but as the amounts at their credit were in course of payment to the persons legally entitled thereto at the close of the year under report, the estates had necessarily to be shown in the above statements under the heading "Undisposed of estates." Adding these 126 estates to the above 234 disposed of estates, the enquiries for heirs were completed in respect of 360, or 72 per cent. of the total number of estates under administration during 1892, against 459 estates, or 79·5 per cent., in 1891.

57. The enquiry for persons legally entitled to succeed to the remaining 140 estates, valued at Rs. 20,611-6-6, had not been completed during the year under review, and these estates are therefore shown under the heading "Under enquiry," the percentage to total number of estates under administration in 1892 being 28·, against 20·4 in 1891.

58. In view of the importance of enquiries for persons who are legally entitled to succeed to the estates of deceased immigrants being instituted as soon as possible after death of the immigrants, it is satisfactory to note the promptness with which the Demerara authorities cause enquiries to be made for heirs in India to vacant estates in the colony. It is desirable that the same procedure should be adopted by other colonies.

59. As regards payments of amounts at credit of estates to which heirs are traced, the Emigration Agents for the British colonies have yet to refer to the Colonial authorities for sanction to meet the demands of the Protector of Emigrants as administrator to deceased emigrants' estates before making

payments. This procedure necessarily involves some delay, but on the whole payments are made within reasonable periods by the Colonial authorities concerned, excepting those of Mauritius. In this exceptional case, I regret to observe that the patience of expectant heirs is considerably tried by the long deferred payments.

60. Of the two village directories that remained to be supplied in connection with the districts of the North-Western Provinces, that for Mirzapur has been received, and that for Gorakhpur is yet awaited. In view of these village directories being of great help in the tracing of the villages of residence of emigrants who endeavour to falsify their descriptive particulars when leaving India for the colonies, it is very gratifying to be able to report that the village directories for the districts of Oudh have begun to be issued, inasmuch as the publication in respect of the district of Lucknow has already been received.

61. Comparing the number of estates under administration in 1892, viz. 500, valued at Rs. 70,384-1-3, with that of the previous year, viz. 577, valued at Rs. 82,320-14-2, there was a falling off in the number to be dealt with during the year under review by 77 estates valued at Rs. 10,936-12-11. This decrease was probably due to there not being many estates of long standing in hand to be added, as in previous years, to the estates that had more recently come under administration.

62. Mr. Forbes, the Personal Assistant, has as usual given special attention to the work in this department of the Emigration Office, and looking to the measure of success attained in connection with the tracing of heirs, I have pleasure in recording here my acknowledgments to him and to all the District Officers concerned, who have materially assisted in the attaining of such satisfactory results by adopting the suggestions put forward from time to time, and instituting exhaustive enquiries for surviving relatives entitled to succeed to the vacant estates under administration.

## SECTION VII.—FINANCIAL

63. *Statement of Receipts and Charges for the year* 1892.

| Receipts. | Rs. | A. | P. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Fees for emigrants embarked at Rs. 3 per head ... | 35,166 | 0 | 0 |
| Miscellaneous ... | 106 | 4 | 0 |
| Total amount ... | 35,272 | 4 | 0 |

| Charges. | Rs. | A. | P. | Rs. | A. | P. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Pay and allowances of— | | | | | | |
| Emigration officers ... | 14,301 | 6 | 6 | | | |
| Office establishment ... | 5,313 | 6 | 7 | | | |
| | | | | 19,614 | 13 | 1 |
| Contingencies ... ... ... ... | | | | 378 | 1 | 3 |
| Office rent ... ... ... ... | | | | 1,008 | 0 | 0 |
| Postage and telegrams .. ... ... | | | | 63 | 5 | 6 |
| Miscellaneous ... ... ... ... | | | | 991 | 11 | 11 |
| Travelling allowance of officers ... | | | | 720 | 0 | 0 |
| Remuneration to registering clerks ... | | | | 1,875 | 7 | 7 |
| Periodicals ... ... ... | | | | 61 | 8 | 0 |
| Pension and leave allowances ... ... | | | | 4,903 | 11 | 4 |
| Total ... | | | | 29,616 | 10 | 8 |
| Balance at credit .. ... | | | | 5,655 | 9 | 4 |
| Total amount ... | | | | 35,272 | 4 | 0 |

The above statement is for the calendar year 1892, and shows a reduction in the receipts by Rs. 12,351-12, the realizations for the previous year 1891 having amounted to Rs. 47,624, and an increase in the charges by Rs. 1,983-11-3, the expenditure for the previous year having been Rs. 27,632-15-5, against Rs. 29,616-10-8 in 1892. The balance at credit of the Bengal portion of the Colonial Emigration Fund at the close of the year under review stands at Rs. 5,655-9-4, against Rs. 19,991-0-7 in 1891.

64. The above large reduction in the receipts is due to the number of emigrants despatched to the colonies during the year having been lessened by 4,535, and, in consequence of this variation in the number despatched yearly, it would be desirable to introduce a system of levying registration fees in connection with recruitment, and adjusting accounts at the close of the year in connection with the number of emigrants actually embarked for the colonies.

## SECTION VIII—DEPARTMENTAL.

Protector of Emigrants.

65. Dr. R. Macleod continued to officiate for Surgeon-Major D. W. D. Comins, absent on deputation, until the 28th March 1892, and was confirmed as Protector of Emigrants on the 29th idem, on which date Dr. Comins, having returned from the West Indies, was appointed Inspector-General of Jails, Bengal. The duties of the Protector of Emigrants were performed by Dr. Macleod up to the close of the year under review.

Medical Inspector of Emigrants.

66. The duties of Medical Inspector of Emigrants were performed by the following officers for the periods of time stated :— Surgeon-Captain A. W. D. Leahy from 1st January to 10th May 1892, and again from 10th November to the close of the year under report; Surgeon-Lieutenant-Colonel R. L. Dutt, M.D., from 11th May to 8th August 1892, and Surgeon-Major D. Basu from 9th August to 9th November 1892.

Personal Assistant.

67. Mr. E. R. Forbes, Personal Assistant to the Protector of Emigrants, returned from privilege leave, and relieved Mr. E. L. Fell of the Statistical Department, Bengal Secretariat, who had been officiating for him, on the afternoon of the 17th February 1892. Mr. Forbes continued in the discharge of his duties for the remainder of the year; and it is pleasing to record that they were performed as efficiently and satisfactorily as ever.

68. The following comparative statement of the correspondence in connection with the colonial emigration for the years 1892 and 1891 shows that this year also there has been a reduction in the number of letters, &c., received and issued :—

| | | 1891. | 1892. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Letters, &c., received | ... | 6,978 | 5,566 |
| Ditto issued | ... | 6,515 | 4,370 |
| Total | ... | 13,493 | 9,936 |

## SECTION IX.—APPENDIX.

69. The following returns are annexed as an appendix to this report :—

I.—Statement of the number of registered intending emigrants, arranged according to their native districts.

II.—Statement of the number and description of emigrants despatched to Demerara, Trinidad, Natal, Fiji, and Surinam.

III.—Statement of the number of emigrants despatched to, and returned from, Colonies east of the Cape of Good Hope.

IV.—Statement of the number of emigrants despatched to, and returned from, Colonies west of the Cape of Good Hope.

*I.—Statement showing Emigrants registered for the Colonies in the districts of Bengal, North-Western and other*

DISTRICTS

| Districts of Registration. | | Total number registered in each district. | Percentage of registration to total number registered in the district. | Bengal, Bihar, and Assam. | | |

*Provinces during the year 1892, classified according to native districts or districts of residence.*

OF RESIDENCE.

| NORTH-WESTERN PROVINCES. | | |

*II.*—1.—*Annual return of emigrants despatched to Demerara, Trinidad, Natal, Fiji, and Surinam during the year* 1892.

## No. 1.—As to Age and Sex.

| | Demerara. | | | | Trinidad. | | | | Natal. | | | | Fiji. | | | | Surinam. | | | | Total. | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 |
| | Males. | Females. | Total. | Proportion of women to men. | Males. | Females. | Total. | Proportion of women to men. | Males. | Females | Total. | Proportion of women to men | Males. | Females. | Total. | Proportion of women to men. | Males. | Females. | Total. | Proportion of women to men | Males. | Females. | Grand Total. |
| Under 2 years . | 72 | 69 | 141 | | 60 | 67 | 127 | | 22 | 17 | 39 | | 21 | 20 | 41 | | 24 | 27 | 51 | | 199 | 200 | 399 |
| From 2 to 10 years | 219 | 210 | 429 | | 155 | 87 | 243 | | 70 | 62 | 132 | | 65 | 51 | 116 | | 64 | 51 | 115 | | 573 | 461 | 1,034 |
| ,, 10 to 20 ,, ,, | 415 | 170 | 585 | | 173 | 143 | 316 | | 65 | 44 | 109 | | 125 | 58 | 183 | | 61 | 22 | 83 | | 839 | 437 | 1,276 |
| ,, 20 to 30 ,, . | 2,315 | 965 | 3,280 | | 1,128 | 552 | 1,680 | | 452 | 203 | 655 | | 766 | 318 | 1,084 | | 388 | 223 | 611 | | 5,240 | 2,261 | 7,510 |
| ,, 30 to 40 ,, . | 190 | 93 | 283 | | 176 | 72 | 248 | | 63 | 30 | 93 | | 79 | 24 | 103 | | 111 | 57 | 168 | | 619 | 276 | 895 |
| ,, 40 to 50 ,, ... | 3 | 2 | 5 | | 3 | 4 | 7 | | ... | ... | ... | | 2 | ... | 2 | | 3 | 2 | 5 | | 11 | 8 | 19 |
| Above 50 years . | .. | ... | . | | .. | . | . | | . | . | . | | ... | ... | ... | | . | . | . | | .. | . | ... |
| Total .. | 3,214 | 1,509 | 4,723 | 46·08 women per every 100 men. | 1,695 | 925 | 2,620 | 53·99 women per every 100 men | 672 | 356 | 1,028 | 47·75 women per every 100 men. | 1,058 | 471 | 1,529 | 41·15 women per 100 men | 851 | 382 | 1,233 | 39·84 women per every 100 men. | 7,490 | 3,643 | 11,133 |

## No. 2.—As to places whence Emigrants came to Calcutta for embarkation.

| | Demerara. | | | Trinidad. | | | Natal. | | | Fiji. | | | Surinam. | | | Total. | | Grand Total. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Males. | Females | Total. | Males. | Females | Total. | Males. | Females | Total. | Males. | Females | Total. | Males. | Females | Total. | Males. | Females. | |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 | 18 | 19 |
| Orissa ... ... | 5 | .. | 5 | 3 | 1 | 4 | ... | ... | .. | ... | ... | ... | . | . | ... | 8 | 1 | 9 |
| Western Bengal ... | 4 | 3 | 7 | 30 | 17 | 47 | ... | ... | ... | 2 | ... | 2 | 2 | 1 | 3 | 38 | 21 | 59 |
| Central Bengal ... | 4 | 2 | 6 | 6 | 1 | 7 | .. | ... | .. | .. | ... | .. | 2 | 1 | 3 | 12 | 4 | 16 |
| Eastern Bengal ... | 1 | | 1 | 2 | 1 | 3 | . | ... | .. | | | | | | | 3 | 1 | 4 |
| Bihar . | 460 | 254 | 714 | 385 | 162 | 547 | 76 | 25 | 101 | 120 | 39 | 159 | 101 | 31 | 132 | 1,142 | 511 | 1,653 |
| North Western Provinces. | 1,563 | 986 | 2,549 | 1,015 | 668 | 1,683 | 430 | 274 | 704 | 576 | 357 | 933 | 352 | 198 | 550 | 4,236 | 2,483 | 6,719 |
| Oudh .. ... | 807 | 231 | 1,038 | 227 | 66 | 293 | 148 | 55 | 203 | 289 | 71 | 360 | 371 | 143 | 514 | 1,842 | 566 | 2,408 |
| Central India .. | 3 | 7 | 10 | 9 | 2 | 11 | 2 | .. | 2 | 3 | ... | 3 | . | . | . | 17 | 9 | 26 |
| Punjab .. .. | 18 | 4 | 22 | 2 | | 2 | 3 | | 3 | 7 | 1 | 8 | 3 | 1 | 4 | 33 | 6 | 39 |
| Nepal and Native States. | 84 | 18 | 52 | 13 | 6 | 19 | 13 | 2 | 15 | 59 | 3 | 62 | 18 | 7 | 25 | 187 | 36 | 173 |
| Mixed, Bombay and Madras. | 11 | 3 | 14 | 3 | 1 | 4 | ... | ... | ... | 2 | . | 2 | 2 | . | 2 | 18 | 4 | 22 |
| Burmah ... . | . | 1 | 1 | . | .. | .. | ... | | ... | | ... | ... | ... | .. | ... | . | 1 | 1 |
| Demerara . ... | 4 | ... | 4 | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | .. | ... | ... | 4 | ... | 4 |
| Tota ... | 3,214 | 1,509 | 4,723 | 1,695 | 925 | 2,620 | 672 | 356 | 1,028 | 1,058 | 471 | 1,529 | 851 | 382 | 1,233 | 7,490 | 3,643 | 11,133 |

## No. 3.—As to Caste and Religion.

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Brahmans and high castes | 113 | 76 | 189 | 230 | 90 | 320 | 73 | 22 | 95 | 150 | 48 | 198 | 139 | 70 | 209 | 705 | 306 | 1,011 |
| Agriculturists .. | 1,533 | 585 | 2,118 | 622 | 281 | 903 | 326 | 139 | 465 | 410 | 161 | 571 | 361 | 124 | 485 | 3,252 | 1,290 | 4,542 |
| Artizans .. | 242 | 110 | 352 | 124 | 53 | 177 | 43 | 24 | 67 | 55 | 20 | 75 | 67 | 20 | 87 | 531 | 227 | 758 |
| Low castes .. | 949 | 553 | 1,502 | 564 | 414 | 978 | 226 | 155 | 381 | 310 | 183 | 493 | 177 | 90 | 267 | 2,226 | 1,395 | 3,621 |
| Musalmans . | 373 | 185 | 558 | 184 | 86 | 240 | 4 | 16 | 20 | 133 | 59 | 192 | 106 | 76 | 182 | 770 | 423 | 1,193 |
| Christians ... | 4 | . | 4 | 1 | 1 | 2 | ... | ... | ... | . | .. | ... | 1 | 2 | 3 | 6 | 3 | 9 |
| Total . | 3,214 | 1,509 | 4,723 | 1,695 | 925 | 2,620 | 672 | 356 | 1,028 | 1,058 | 471 | 1,529 | 851 | 382 | 1,233 | 7,490 | 3,643 | 11,133 |

*Memorandum.*

| | Males. | Females. | Total. |
|---|---|---|---|
| Hindus ... .. | 6,714 | 3,218 | 9,932 |
| Musalmans ... ... | 770 | 422 | 1,192 |
| Christians . ... | 6 | 3 | 9 |
| Total ... | 7,490 | 3,643 | 11,133 |

*III.—Table exhibiting the number and description of East Indian Emigrants who left Calcutta for Mauritius, Natal, Fiji, and Bourbon during the year* 1892, *and the number returned therefrom during the same period.*

| Names of Colonies. | Embarked. | | | | | | | | Returned. | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| | Men. | Women. | Children. | | Infants. | | Total number of souls. | Total number of statute adults. | Men. | Women. | Children. | | Infants. | | Total number of souls. | Total number of statute adults. |
| | | | Boys. | Girls. | Boys. | Girls. | | | | | Boys. | Girls. | Boys. | Girls. | | |
| 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| Mauritius ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | ... | 457 | 86 | 30 | 25 | 2 | 3 | 603 | 573 |
| Natal .. | 580 | 277 | 70 | 62 | 22 | 17 | 1,028 | 942½ | 118 | 35 | 25 | 18 | 4 | 4 | 204 | 178½ |
| Fiji .. | 972 | 400 | 65 | 51 | 21 | 20 | 1,529 | 1,450½ | 259 | 110 | 36 | 48 | 7 | 14 | 474 | 421½ |
| Bourbon .. | .. | .. | .. | .. | . | .. | ... | . | 11 | . | ... | .. | .. | .. | 11 | 11 |
| Total .. | 1,552 | 677 | 135 | 113 | 43 | 37 | 2,557 | 2,393 | 845 | 231 | 91 | 91 | 13 | 21 | 1,292 | 1,184 |

*IV.—Table exhibiting the number and description of East Indian Emigrants who left Calcutta for the West Indies during the year* 1892, *and the number returned therefrom during the same period.*

| | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Demerara ... | 2,923 | 1,230 | 219 | 210 | 72 | 69 | 4,723 | 4,438 | 1,440 | 605 | 245 | 235 | 21 | 28 | 2,574 | 2,509½ |
| Trinidad .. | 1,480 | 771 | 155 | 87 | 60 | 67 | 2,620 | 2,435½ | 432 | 124 | 59 | 32 | 13 | 16 | 676 | 616 |
| Jamaica ... | | | | | | | | | 8 | 4 | | 1 | | | 13 | 12½ |
| Surinam .. | 763 | 304 | 64 | 51 | 24 | 27 | 1,233 | 1,150 | 339 | 110 | 62 | 59 | 15 | 17 | 602 | 525½ |
| Total ... | 5,166 | 2,805 | 438 | 348 | 156 | 163 | 8,576 | 8,023½ | 2,219 | 843 | 366 | 327 | 49 | 61 | 3,865 | 3,463½ |

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# GENERAL DEPARTMENT.

EMIGRATION No. 1690.

CALCUTTA, THE 8TH JUNE 1893.

## RESOLUTION.

READ—

The Annual Report on Emigration from the Port of Calcutta to the British and Foreign Colonies for the year 1892.

THE report for the past year, the body of which was submitted at the prescribed time, is sufficiently full and fairly concise, and is accompanied by two maps showing the native districts of emigrants to the Colonies and the districts in which they were registered, and illustrating by different shades of colour the proportion which the number of emigrants bears to the resident population. The maps were received some days after the receipt of the report. It is necessary that the report should reach the Government in a complete form by the prescribed date, and steps should be taken to ensure this in future.

Administrative measures

2. Some amendments were made during the year in the rules in force under the Colonial Emigration Act XXI of 1883, and full-powered steamers engaged as emigrant vessels to the colonies, and using either the Cape or Canal route, were exempted conditionally from the rules relating to artificial ventilation.

Requisitions. Recruiting and despatch of emigrants.

3. The demand for adult Indian emigrants fell from 13,867 in 1891 to 10,558 in 1892, owing to requisitions having been made by only five out of the eight colonies to which emigration from India is at present permitted. Demerara indented for 4,555, Trinidad for 2,500, Natal for 900, Fiji for 1,370, and Surinam for 1,233 adults. The indents of the first three colonies were smaller than those of the previous year, while those of Fiji and Surinam were appreciably larger. In the cases of Natal and Fiji, the requisitions were more than met, 123 adults being supplied in excess, but in the cases of the other three colonies, the supply fell short by 264 adults. The deficiency of 83 in the case of Surinam was made up in January of the present year. On the whole 10,416½ adult coolies were supplied during the year as against 10,558 indented for.

Owing to the reduced requisitions the number of licensed recruiters decreased from 1,003 to 857, and the number of registrations from 25,613 to 17,225. Of the 17,225 emigrants, including children, registered in the districts, 14,196 reached the Calcutta depôts, and of these 11,133 were despatched to the respective colonies in seventeen sailing ships and three steamers. The number despatched in 1891 was 15,668. It is satisfactory to find that the prescribed proportion of 40 women to every 100 men embarked was more than complied with, and that in the case of Surinam the percentage of married to single women rose from 52·5 to 64·3.

Areas of recruitment and registration.

4. The North-Western Provinces and Oudh still continue to be the largest recruiting grounds for the colonies, but there is a tendency to have recourse more largely to the districts of Bengal and Bihar. Thus the proportion of emigrants drawn from the North-Western Provinces fell from 67 per cent. to 59½; Oudh contributed 22 per cent. against nearly 24 per cent. in the previous year; while the proportion of natives of Bengal and Bihar rose from 7 per cent.

in 1891 to nearly 16 per cent. in 1892. The following table compares the province of registration with that of birth as declared by the emigrants :—

| | | Bengal. | Bihar. | North-Western Provinces. | Oudh. |
|---|---|---|---|---|---|
| Number registered in ... ... | 1892 | 2,126 | 3,012 | 9,212 | 2,875 |
| | 1891 | 2,047 | 3,347 | 15,208 | 5,011 |
| Number who declared themselves to be natives of ... ... ... | 1892 | 2,743 | | 14,028 | |
| | 1891 | 3,400 | | 13,983 | 5,173 |

Besides the four provinces indicated above, 454 emigrants declared themselves to be natives of other provinces and places, and a relatively large number is shown to have come from native States. Azamgarh, Ghazipur, Basti, in the North-Western Provinces, and Shahabad in Bihar, which stands fourth on the list with a supply of 1,177 emigrants as against 2,229 from Azamgarh, maintained their places as the chief recruiting districts. A larger number of emigrants was registered than in the previous year in the districts of the 24-Parganas, Bhagalpur, Monghyr, Patna, and Shahabad. The district of the 24-Parganas, which shows 1,407 registrations, cannot, however, be compared with the others, owing to the fact that a large proportion of the recruiting in that district is carried on among coolies brought to Calcutta by unlicensed recruiters as free emigrants—a practice which, though not free from objections, cannot be checked.

Disappearance and rejection of emigrants.

5. A very marked advance has been made in the process of accounting for emigrants who, after being registered in the districts of recruitment, reach the Calcutta depôts. In the past year only 584 registered emigrants have not been accounted for as against 4,753 in 1890 and 6,755 in 1891. This improvement is no doubt due to the agents visiting their mufassal depôts, and insisting on details of all coolies admitted into the depôts being registered. With the introduction of sub-depôt registers since the close of the year under review, it may be expected that every registered emigrant will be accounted for by the agencies in future. Of the registered emigrants who did not reach the Calcutta depôts, no less than 1,365 were rejected as unfit for emigration. Although this compares favourably with the figure of 1891, viz., 2,057, it seems desirable, both in the interests of intending emigrants as well as of the indenting colonies, that something should be done to ensure that none but really fit persons are selected as emigrants. As pointed out by the Protector of Emigrants, two courses suggest themselves. The first is that the Emigration Agents should appoint qualified medical examiners to test the fitness of the persons recruited prior to their being presented for registration. The other is to charge a registration fee in order to ensure a proper class of intending emigrants being placed before registering officers. If the former means cannot be adopted, it may be necessary to have recourse to the latter, but the Lieutenant-Governor would be glad if this could be avoided. Another point of great importance is to reduce as low as possible the number of emigrants declared unfit for despatch after arriving in Calcutta. The proportion of persons so rejected fell from 9·7 in 1891 to 8·9 in 1892, but even the latter percentage is high. The Protector rightly points out that the position of an emigrant who is rejected after admission into a depôt is one of peculiar hardship. The small sum paid to him on discharge is very inadequate compensation for the breaking up of his home, the trouble he has been put to in coming, and the necessity of making a fresh start in life. Cases of this kind probably do much to deter intending emigrants, and it is to the interest of the Emigration Agents to have a trustworthy medical examination made at as early a stage of the proceedings as possible.

6. The Lieutenant-Governor has read with pleasure the favourable report of the Medical Inspector of Emigrants, Surgeon-Captain A. Leahy, on the general arrangements, sanitation and management of the depôts. As compared with the previous year, the percentages of sickness and deaths were 4·44 and 0·37 against 4·67 and 0·66 respectively. The total admissions amounted to 669, and the total mortality to 56, as against 986 and 141 respectively in 1891. The chief causes of sickness were malarial fevers, chest affections, and dysentery. There were 264 cases of malarial fever, 12 of which proved fatal, 85 cases of chest affections with 24 deaths, and 89 cases of dysentery, of which one only ended fatally. The great attention paid by the Emigration Agents to sanitation accounts in great measure for the very marked decrease in the number of cases of measles, of which there were only 64 against 183 in 1891. The hospitals of the Surinam and British Guiana depôts were improved at considerable expense, and further improvements are being undertaken in the latter. At no time during the year was the embarkation or despatch of emigrants delayed by the occurrence or existence of any epidemic disease. The aggregate mortality on the voyages to the colonies amounted to 146 against 398 in 1891, and the percentage of deaths on the number embarked in Calcutta fell from 2·54 to 1·31.

Sanitation and management of the depôts.

7. Five thousand two hundred and twenty-five return emigrants, including 11 from Bourbon, were re-shipped in eight sailing vessels and eight steamers from the various colonies as against 4,201 in the preceding year. Of these 87 or 1·66 per cent. died on the voyage, a percentage which the Lieutenant-Governor agrees with the Protector in considering remarkably low, looking to the fact that a certain proportion of return emigrants are advanced in age and enfeebled in health. It is satisfactory to observe that among the returned emigrants none were lepers. The savings brought back averaged Rs. 156 per man as against Rs. 138 in the preceding year, Jamaica, Trinidad and Natal showing the largest averages, and Mauritius the smallest. The figures of return emigrants who have gone back to the colonies during the year may be quoted as affording some indication of the popularity of the different colonies among the emigrant classes. Out of 551 returned coolies, 333 re-emigrated to Demerara, 110 to Trinidad, 62 to Natal, 27 to Fiji, and 19 to Surinam.

Return emigrants.

8. This branch of the work of the Protector's office was efficiently conducted during the year. Such delay as occurred in administering appears to have been due to the fact that when heirs have been traced the Emigration Agents in India cannot pay to the Protector the amount standing to the credit of the estate without the sanction of the Colonial authorities. Notwithstanding this cumbrous procedure, it is stated that all colonies except Mauritius make payments within a reasonable time. Of 500 estates, valued at Rs. 70,384, which came under administration, 360, amounting to Rs. 49,772, were finally disposed of, leaving a balance of 140, amounting to Rs. 20,611, still under enquiry, for which British Guiana, Mauritius, and Fiji are mainly responsible.

Administration of estates.

9. Owing to smaller despatches the receipts derived from the consolidated fee of Rs. 3 per head on each coolie embarked fell from Rs. 47,624 to Rs. 35,272-4, while the expenditure rose from Rs. 27,632-15-5 to Rs. 29,616-10-8. This was due to the fact that in the preceding year the amount shown as pay and allowances of Emigration officers was unusually low by reason of acting arrangements. The balance at credit of the Bengal portion of the fund at the close of the year was Rs. 5,655-9 4 against Rs. 19,991 0-7 in 1891.

Financial.

10. From the above summary it will be seen that the year 1892 was on the whole a successful one for Colonial Emigration; and the Lieutenant-Governor desires to express his thanks to Dr. Macleod, Protector of Emigrants, to Surgeon-Captain A. Leahy, Medical Inspector of Emigrants, and to the Emigration Agents to whose care and attention the good results attained were due.

ORDER.—Ordered that a copy of the Report and of this Resolution be submitted to the Government of India, Revenue and Agricultural Department, for information.

Ordered also that a copy be forwarded to the Protector of Emigrants, Calcutta, for information, and to all Commissioners of Divisions for information and circulation to all District Officers subordinate to them.

By order of the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal,

H. H. RISLEY,

*Secretary to the Govt. of Bengal.*

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COPY forwarded to the Protector of Emigrants, Calcutta, for information and for favour of communication to Surgeon-Captain A. Leahy.

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Circular No. 12.

COPY forwarded to all Commissioners of Divisions for information and for circulation to all District Officers subordinate to them.

By order of the Lieutenant-Governor of Bengal,

H. J. McINTOSH,

*Under-Secretary to the Govt. of Bengal.*

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